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## Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 OVERVIEW





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 1

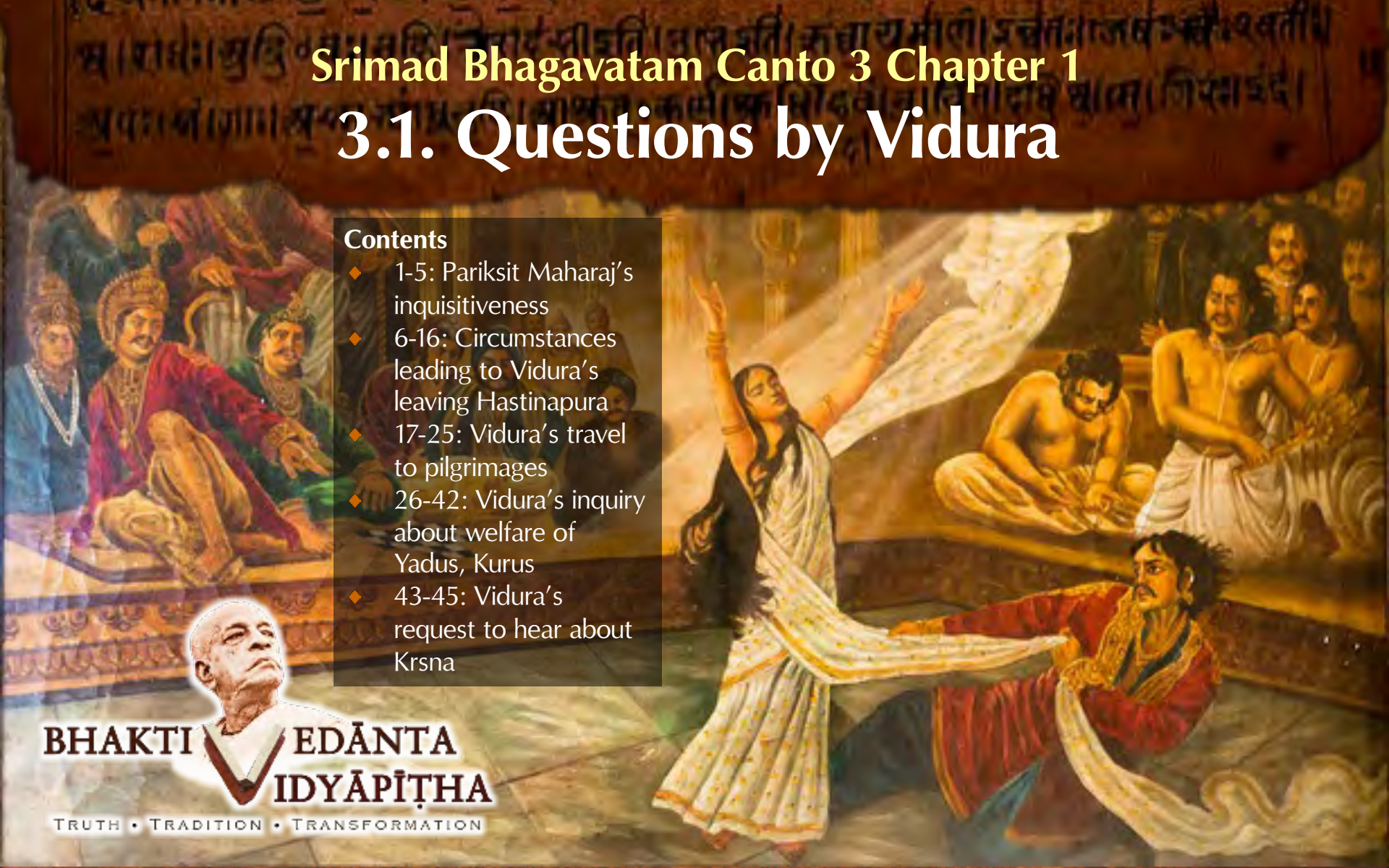
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## Canto 2 to Canto 3



- Śukadeva was about to explain Pādma-kalpa (@ End of canto 2).
- But Saunakadi rsis expressed interest in hearing Vidura - Maitreya conversation.



# 1-5: Pariksit Maharaj's Inquisitiveness

- **1:** Vidura renounced home and entered forest where he met Maitreya.
- **2:** Krsna considered house of Pandavas His own.
- **3:** Pariksit – When and where this discussion took place?
- **4. Question approved by the learned circles:**

**na hy alpārthodayas tasya  
vidurasyāmalātmanah  
tasmin varīyasi praśnaḥ  
sādhū-vāadopabṛmhitah**

- **5:** Sukadeva Goswami was pleased and said, "Please hear attentively."





## 6-16: Circumstances leading to Vidura's leaving Hastinapura

## 6-9: Atrocities of Dhrtarastra and Party



- **6:** Dhṛtarāṣṭra tried to kill fatherless nephews.
- **7:** He did not forbid disrobing of Draupadī.
- **8:** Cheated Yudhiṣṭhira...
- **9:** Kauravas didn't take words of Lord very seriously.



## 6-16: Circumstances leading to Vidura's leaving Hastinapura

## 10-13: Vidura's Advice To Dhṛtarāṣṭra



- **10:** Vidura gave instructions on being invited by Dhṛtarāṣṭra.
- **11:** Pandavas are angry – Return share to Pandavas. Revengeful Bhīma is breathing like snake.
- **12:** Kṛṣṇa, Yadus, all kings are on their side.
- **13:** Get rid of your son, do good to the whole family.

sa eṣa doṣaḥ puruṣa-dvid āste  
grhān praviṣṭo yam apatya-matyā  
puṣṇāsi kṛṣṇād vimukho gata-śrīḥ  
tyajāśv aśaivam kula-kauśalāya



## 6-16: Circumstances leading to Vidura's leaving Hastinapura

### 14-16: Duryodhana insulted Vidura

- **14:** Vidura was insulted by Duryodhana who was swollen in anger and with lips trembling.
- **15: Duryodhana spoke:**
  - Who asked this *dāsī-putra* to come here?
  - Throw him leaving with only his breath.
- **16:** Pained at heart he left understanding it due to Lord's external energy.

sa ittham atyulbaṇa-karṇa-bāṇair  
bhrātuḥ puro marmasu tādīto 'pi  
svayaṁ dhanur dvāri nidhāya māyāṁ  
gata-vyatho 'yād uru mānayānaḥ





## 17-23: Vidura's travel to pilgrimages

- **17:** Travelled to holy places where many deities were situated.
- **18:** Cities, orchards, villages
- **19:** Vidura's ideal conduct as mendicant in pilgrimages –
- **20:** In his travels he reached Prabhasa ksetra.
- **21:** At Prabhasa, Vidura got to know the result of Kuruksetra war.
- **22:** Vidura visited all 11 places of pilgrimage on banks of Sarasvatī
- **23:** He also visited many temples and deities of Lord Visnu.
- **24:** Reached bank of Yamuna, met Uddhava.
- **25:** Vidura embraced him and inquired.



## 26-45: Vidura's inquiry about welfare of Yadus, Kurus

- **26:** Are Krishna-Balarama doing well ?
- **27-35. Inquiries about Yadus:** How are Vasudev, Pradyumna, Ugrasena, Sāmba, Yuyudhāna, Akrūra, Devakī, Aniruddha, Hṛdika, Cārudeṣṇa, Gada...?
- **36-40. Inquiries about Kurus:** How are the Pāṇḍavas and Kuntī?
- **41:** Lament for Dhritarastra.
- **42:** Not astonished by action of Lord's maya.
- **43:** Lord Kṛṣṇa personally refrained from killing Kurus, although he descended to kill wicked.
- **44:** Lord came to establish dharma. Else what is His purpose to come to this world?
- **45:** Lord descends for surrendered devotees.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 2

## 3.2. Remembrance of Lord Krsna

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# 1-6: Uddhava's exalted position

- 1: Uddhava was unable to speak due to remembrance of Lord.
- 2: In childhood, he was so absorbed in playing with Lord's doll that he skipped breakfast also.

**yaḥ pañca-hāyano mātṛā  
prātar-āśāya yācitah  
tan naicchad racayan yasya  
saparyāṁ bāla-līlayā**





# 1-6: Uddhava's exalted position



- 3. Even in old age, his devotion did not slacken –

sa katham sevayā tasya  
kālena jarasam gataḥ  
prṣṭo vārtām pratibrūyād  
bhartuḥ pādāv anusmaran

- 4: Ecstatic symptoms – silence, no movement, absorption.
- 5: Bodily transformations, tears of ecstasy. Vidura could understand exalted position of Uddhava.
- 6: Soon back to normal consciousness and spoke to Vidura.



## 7-11: Unfortunate situation of the Yadus and others

- 7: Sun of world, Krsna had set. What can I speak of our welfare?





## 7-11: Unfortunate situation of the Yadus and others

- **8-9:** Universe is unfortunate and Yadus are even more unfortunate; they understood the Lord as Supersoul.
- **10:** Pure devotees are not affected by words of those influenced by external energy.

**devasya māyayā sprṣṭā  
ye cānyad asad-āśritāḥ  
bhrāmyate dhīr na tad-vākyaair  
ātmany uptātmano harau**

- **11:** Lord withdrew His form.





## 12-14: Uddhava remembers the Attractive Beauty of the Lord

- 12. Ornament of all ornaments:  
yan martya-līaupayikaṁ sva-yoga-  
māyā-balaṁ darśayatā grhītaṁ  
vismāpanaṁ svasya ca saubhagarddheḥ  
paraṁ padaṁ bhūṣaṇa-bhūṣaṇāṅgam

Lord's pastimes even mesmerized Lord Vishnu.  
Thus Kṛṣṇa is the ornament of all ornaments.





## 12-14: Uddhava remembers the Attractive Beauty of the Lord

- **13:** All demigods concluded in Rajasuya, Kṛṣṇa - ultimate dexterous creation of Brahmā.





## 12-14: Uddhava remembers the Attractive Beauty of the Lord

- 14. Gopis become anguished when Lord left from their sight. Thus stunned, they couldn't finish household duties:

**yasyānurāga-pluta-hāsa-rāsa-  
līlāvaloka-pratilabdha-mānāḥ  
vraja-striyo dṛgbhir anupravṛtta-  
dhiyo 'vatasthuh kila kṛtya-śeṣāḥ**





## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities



- **15:** Lord is unborn, but to protect His devotees He descends.
- **16.** Although all-powerful, lord left parents as if in fear of enemy:  
**mām khedayaty etad ajasya janma-  
viḍambanam yad vasudeva-gehe  
vraje ca vāso 'ri-bhayād iva svayam  
purād vyavātsīd yad-ananta-vīryaḥ**
- **17:** Lord begged pardon from parents for His inability to protect them.



## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities

- 18. Once smelling dust of Lord's lotus feet no one can forget it:

ko vā amuṣyāṅghri-saroja-reṇuṁ  
vismartum īśīta pumān vijighran  
yo visphurad-bhrū-viṭapena bhūmer  
bhāraṁ kṛtāntena tiraścakāra





## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities

- 19. Lord gave liberation to even inimical Sisupala. Who can tolerate separation from Him?

dr̥ṣṭā bhavadbhir nanu rājasūye  
caidyasya kṛṣṇam dviṣato 'pi siddhiḥ  
yām yoginaḥ saṁspr̥hayanti samyag  
yogena kas tad-viraham saheta





## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities



- 20. On being purified by arrows of Arjuna, seeing lord's lotus face, warriors attained perfection:

tathaiva cānye nara-loka-vīrā  
ya āhave kṛṣṇa-mukhāravindam  
netraiḥ pibanto nayanābhirāmam  
pārthāstra-pūtaḥ padam āpur asya



## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities

- 21. Lord is master of all kinds of three:

svayaṁ tv asāmyātiśayas tryadhīśaḥ  
svārājya-lakṣmy-āpta-samasta-kāmaḥ  
balim haradbhiś cira-loka-pālaiḥ  
kirīṭa-koṭyēḍita-pāda-pīṭhaḥ

- 22. It is painful to remember Lord submitting explanations before Ugrasena:

tat tasya kainkaryam alaṁ bhṛtān no  
viglāpayaty aṅga yad ugrasenam  
tiṣṭhan niṣaṇṇaṁ parameṣṭhi-dhiṣṇye  
nyabodhayad deva nidhārayeti



## 15-24: Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and His Bewildering activities

- 23. Mercy given to Putana:  
aho bakī yaṁ stana-kāla-kūṭaṁ  
jighāṁsayāpāyayad apy asādhvī  
lebhe gatiṁ dhātry-ucitāṁ tato 'nyāṁ  
kaṁ vā dayāluṁ śaraṇaṁ vrajema
- 24: I consider demons to be more than the devotees because while fighting in enmity, they die absorbed in Lord.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja



- **25:** Lord born to Vasudev and Devakī.
- **26:** Vasudev brought Lord to Vṛndāvana in fear of Kāṁsa.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja

- **27:** Lord performed pastimes in Vraja's forests and banks of Yamuna with gopas and cows.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja

**28.** He would cry and laugh, just like a child, and would appear like a lion cub.

**29.** Lord herded cows, bulls and played on wonderful flute.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja

- **30:** Kamsa sent demons, but the Lord killed them as easily as a child breaks dolls.
- **31:** Lord chastised Kāliya and drove him away.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja

- **32:** In order to worship cows and humbling Indra stopped Indra puja.
- **33:** Lord saved Vrajvāsīs by lifting Govardhan hill.





## 25-34: Pastimes in Vraja

- **34:** Performed rāsa-līlā pastimes on Sarad purnima night.





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# 1-9: Kṛṣṇa's education and marriages

- 1: Kṛṣṇa & Balarama went to Mathura, and they killed Kamsa.





# 1-9: Krsna's education and marriages

- 2: Learned everything from Sāndīpani Muni by hearing once & brought back his dead son.





# 1-9: Krsna's education and marriages

3: Lord Krsna kidnapped Princess Rukmiṇī.





# 1-9: Krsna's education and marriages

- **4:** Lord won over Princess Nāgnijitī, by subduing seven bulls, also killed or wounded the competitors.





# 1-9: Krsna's education and marriages

5: Krsna brought  
Pārijāta tree to  
please His dear  
wife.





# 1-9: Kṛṣṇa's education and marriages

- 6: Lord killed Narakāśura and established his son as the king.





# 1-9: Krsna's education and marriages

- **7:** In Narkasura's house Lord accepted kidnapped princess as wives.
- **8:** Lord expanded to match each princess suitably in different apartments.
- **9:** Lord begot ten offspring from each princess.





# 10-15: Killing of the demons and Kuruksetra War

- **10:** Lord shared the glories with His pure devotees, by allowing them to kill Kalayavana and Jarasandha.
- **11:** Śambara, Dvivida, Bāṇa, Mura, Balvala, etc demons were killed by Kṛṣṇa and Balarama.





# 10-15: Killing of the demons and Kuruksetra War

- **12:** Lord arranged for killing of all strong kings on the Battle of Kurukṣetra
- **13:** Duryodhana was bereft of his good fortune because of the ill advice. When he was laid on the ground Lord was not happy to see the scene.





# 10-15: Killing of the demons and Kuruksetra War

- **14:** Krsna considered the burden on earth because of Yadu dynasty
- **15:** Lord planned and predicated the disappearance of Yadus due to quarrel among themselves.





## 16-23: Krsna in Dvaraka

- **16:** Krsna established Yudhiṣṭhira as the emperor of earth.
- **17:** Krsna also protected the embryo of Uttarā from the weapon of Asvatthama.
- **18:** Krsna also induced Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira to perform 3 horse sacrifices.
- **19:** Krsna ruled over Dvārakā, as a ideal ruler.





## 16-23: Kṛṣṇa in Dvārakā

- **20:** Lord's transcendental body as a residence of Goddess of Fortune.
- **21:** The Lord enjoyed His pastimes in the association of Yadus and His queens.
- **22:** Lord at last fully manifested His detachment from household life.
- **23.** Lord can only be understood by devotees, by rendering devotional service:

daivādhīneṣu kāmeṣu  
daivādhīnaḥ svayaṁ pumān  
ko viśrambheta yogena  
yogeśvaram anuvrataḥ





## 24-28: Events leading to the annihilation of the Yadus

- **24:** By Lord's will the sages curse Yadus.
- **25:** Bewildered by Lord Yadus went to Prabhasa while His eternal devotees remained in Dvārakā.
- **26:** Yadus took bath, offered respects & gave cows in charity to the brāhmaṇas.
- **27:** Other items like gold, land etc were also given in charity to the brahmanas.
- **28:** Yadus offered the brāhmaṇas prasadam & their obeisances.





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# 1-3: Disappearance of Yadus

- **1-2:** Yadus took remnants of prasāda, drank liquor -> became delirious. Their destruction is like that of bamboos by friction.
- **3:** Lord sat underneath a tree at the bank of Sarasvatī.





## 4-13: The Lord met Uddhava and Maitreya Rsi

- **4-5:** Lord told me beforehand to proceed to Badarikāśrama. But I, followed behind Him.
- **6:** I saw Kṛṣṇa sitting alone, on the bank of River Sarasvatī.
- **7:** His beautiful form – 4 hands, different symbols, and yellow silk garments, etc.
- **8:** Lord resting against a young banyan tree .
  - Banyan tree: Temporary world.
  - Young banyan: Smallest universe.





## 4-13: The Lord met Uddhava and Maitreya Rsi



- **9:** Maitreya arrived.
- **10:** Lord more intimate to Uddhava.
- **11:** Lord to Uddhava: You desired to achieve My association. Thus I awarded it.
- **12:** Your present life is the last, you can go to Vaikuṇṭha.
- **13:** At the beginning of the creation, I spoke unto Brahmā the Bhāgavatam.



## 14-18: Overwhelmed Uddhava Glorified and Prayed to the Lord

- **14:** Uddhava to Vidura: I was overwhelmed by the Lord's reciprocation.
- **15.** I prefer Your service, not the four purusharthas:

**ko nv īśa te pāda-saroja-bhājām  
sudurlabho 'rtheṣu caturṣv apīha  
tathāpi nāhaṁ pravṛṇomi bhūman  
bhavat-padāmbhoja-niṣevaṇotsukaḥ**





## 14-18: Overwhelmed Uddhava Glorified and Prayed to the Lord



- 16. Even the sages become disturbed in their intelligence when they see You bewildering activities:

karmāṇy anīhasya bhavo 'bhavasya te  
durgāśrayo 'thāri-bhayāt palāyanam  
kālatmano yat pramadā-yutāśramah  
svātman-rateḥ khidyati dhīr vidām iha



## 14-18: Overwhelmed Uddhava Glorified and Prayed to the Lord



- **17:** You called upon me for consultation, as if bewildered, although You are never bewildered. This act of Yours bewilders me.
- **18:** Kindly explain to us the knowledge of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.
- **19:** Lord instructed me about His transcendental situation.
- **20:** I have studied the path of self-knowledge from the Lord and after that I've come here.
- **21-22:** I am now proceeding to Badarikāśrama where Nara-Nārāyaṇa sages are undergoing penance for the welfare of all.



## 23-27: Vidura sought Spiritual Knowledge from Uddhava

- **23:** Hearing about annihilation of relatives, Vidura pacified himself by transcendental knowledge.
- **24-25: Vidura,** “Devotees wander to serve others, kindly describe the self-knowledge.
- **26: Uddhava,** “You may take lessons from the great learned sage Maitreya.”
  - MARYĀDĀ-VYATIKRAMA
- **27:** Uddhava spent the night like a moment and departed in the morning.



## 28-32: Uddhava's special role after the Lord's disappearance

- **28: Pariksit**, “Why did Uddhava remain alone on this planet after the disappearance of Lord?”
- **29:** The Lord dispatched His family members.
- **30-31: Lord thought to Himself** – “Uddhava is the only one who can be entrusted with knowledge about Me. Uddhava is not inferior to Me in any way.”
- **32:** Uddhava followed the instructions of Lord and reached Badarikāśrama.





## 33-36: Vidura's enlightenment by Uddhava and further journey

- **33-34:** Vidura also heard about the appearance and disappearance of Lord from Uddhava. Non-devotees can never understand these pastimes.
- **35:** Understanding that he was remembered by Lord, Vidura cried out of gratitude.
- **36:** Vidura reached Ganges and met Maitreya.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 5

## 3.5. Vidura's talks with Maitreya

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# 1-9: Vidura's Questions to Maitreya Rsi

- **1:** Vidura who was already perfect devotee approached Maitreya and inquired.
- **2: Vidura to Maitreya:** Give us directions on how one should live for real happiness.

**sukhāya karmāṇi karoti loko  
na taiḥ sukhaṁ vānyad-upāramam vā  
vindeta bhūyas tata eva duḥkham  
yad atra yuktam bhagavān vaden naḥ  
“Vidura's humility and compassion”**





# 1-9: Vidura's Questions to Maitreya Rsi

- **3:** Great philanthropic souls travel to show compassion to the fallen souls.
- **4:** Give me instruction on the transcendental DS of the Lord.

janasya kṛṣṇād vimukhasya daivād  
adharma-śīlasya suduḥkhitasya  
anugrahāyeha caranti nūnam  
bhūtāni bhavyāni janārdanasya

tat sādhu-varyādiśa vartma śam naḥ  
saṁrādhito bhagavān yena puṁsām  
hr̥di sthito yacchati bhakti-pūte  
jñānam sa-tattvādhigamaṁ purāṇam



# 1-9: Vidura's Questions to Maitreya Rsi

- **5:** Purusa-avatars.
- **6:** Lord's many forms.
- **7:** Lilavatars
- **8:** Living conditions in various planets.
- **9:** Different Living creatures.





# 10-16: Vidura's Exclusive Interest in Kṛṣṇa-Katha



- 10. No social or political topics please!  
parāvareṣāṁ bhagavan vratāni  
śrutāni me vyāsa-mukhād abhīkṣṇam  
atṛpnuma kṣulla-sukhāvahānām  
teṣāṁ ṛte kṛṣṇa-kathāmṛtaughāt
- 11. Power of Kṛṣṇa katha  
kas tṛpnuyāt tīrtha-pado 'bhidhānāt  
satreṣu vaḥ sūribhir īḍyamānāt  
yaḥ karṇa-nāḍīm puruṣasya yāto  
bhava-pradām geḥa-ratīm chinatti



# 10-16: Vidura's Exclusive Interest in Kṛṣṇa-Kathā

- 12. Vyasa's purpose of writing Mahabharata
- 13: Kṛṣṇa kathā increases indifference to all other things and vanquishes all miseries without delay.

**sā śraddadhānasya vivardhamānā  
viraktim anyatra karoti puṁsaḥ  
hareḥ padānusmṛti-nirvṛtasya  
samasta-duḥkhāpyayam āśu dhatte**

- 14: Persons who are averse to the topics of the Lord are pitied by the pitiable.





# 10-16: Vidura's Exclusive Interest in Krsna-Katha



15. Speak the essence of all topics  
tad asya kauṣārava śarma-dātur hareḥ  
kathām eva kathāsu sāram  
uddhṛtya puṣpebhya ivārta-bandho  
śivāya naḥ kīrtaya tīrtha-kīrteḥ
16. Please speak about purusavataras first



## 17-21: Maitreya Rsi honoured Vidura and expressed Gratitude

- **18:** “By your questions you are showing mercy both to the world and to me.
- **19:** You were born from Vyāsadeva.
- **20:** Due to the curse of Māṇḍavya Muni, Yamarāja came as Vidura.
- **21:** For your good self, Lord left instructions with me.”





# 22-38: Process of creation



## MAHA VISNU

(Lord's Svamsa – His glance impregnates jivas into Material Nature)

Kala

Karma

Svabhava

## MATERIAL NATURE/ Pradhana

3 modes are inactive

## MAHAT TATTVA

Mahat tattva (in  
sattva)

Sutra Tattva (in rajas)

## AHANKARA (predominantly in tamas)

Goodness

Passion

Ignorance

Karta (Doer)  
Jnana Sakti

Karana (Cause)  
Kriya Sakti

Karya (Effect)  
Dravya Sakti

Adhidaiva

Adhyatma

Adhibhuta

Mind &  
10 Sense devatas

Prana, 10 Senses,  
Intelligence

5 tanmatras &  
5 elements



## 22-38: Process of Creation

Lord's purpose behind  
the creation is  
'COMPASSION'

37: Of all the physical  
elements, all the qualities  
are due only to the final  
touch of the Lord's  
glance.





## 22-38: Process of Creation

38: Controlling deities offered prayers to perform their services.





## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu

### 39. Shelter of Surrendered souls:

namāma te deva padāravindam  
prapanna-tāpopaśamātapatram  
yan-mūla-ketā yatayo 'ñjasoru-  
saṁsāra-duḥkham bahir utkṣipanti

### 40. Source of all knowledge:

dhātar yad asmin bhava īśa jīvās  
tāpa-trayeṇābhihatā na śarma  
ātman labhante bhagavaṁs tavāṅghri-  
cchāyām sa-vidyām ata āśrayema





## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu

41. Shelter of holy places, hole men,  
holy river – Vanquishes sinful reactions

mārganti yat te mukha-padma-nīḍaiś  
chandaḥ-suparṇair ṛṣayo vivikte  
yasyāgha-marṣoda-sarid-varāyāḥ  
padam padam tīrtha-padaḥ prapannāḥ





## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu



42: Reveals knowledge and detachment  
yac chraddhayā śrutavatyā ca bhaktyā  
sammṛjyamāne hṛdaye 'vadhāya  
jñānena vairāgya-balena dhīrā  
vrajema tat te 'ñghri-saroja-pīṭham

43: Awards remembrance and courage  
viśvasya janma-sthiti-saṁyamārthe  
kṛtāvatārasya padāmbujam te  
vrajema sarve śaraṇam yad īśa  
smṛtaṁ prayacchaty abhayaṁ sva-puṁsām



## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu

### 44: Unqualified people

yat sānubandhe 'sati deha-gehe  
mamāham ity ūḍha-durāgrahāṇām  
puṁsām sudūram vasato 'pi puryām  
bhajema tat te bhagavan padābjam

### 45: Qualified people

tān vai hy asad-vṛttibhir akṣibhir ye  
parāhṛtāntar-manasaḥ pareśa  
atho na paśyanty urugāya nūnaṁ  
ye te padanyāsa-vilāsa-lakṣyāḥ





## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu



### 46: Drinking Kṛṣṇa-kathā

pānena te deva kathā-sudhāyāḥ  
pravṛddha-bhaktiā viśadāśayā ye  
vairāgya-sāraṁ pratilabhya bodhaṁ  
yathāñjasānvīyur akuṇṭha-dhiṣṇyam

47: Pain of jñānis and pleasure of  
bhaktas



## 39-51: Prayers by the demigods to Maha-Visnu

- **48: Disunited:** We are born of three modes can't act concertedly for Your pleasure.
- **49: Enlighten us** regarding the ways by which we can offer You all enjoyable grains and commodities.
- **50: You are the original** founder of all the demigods, yet You are the unborn, oldest, and are unchanged.
- **51: Direct us:** Kindly award us Your perfect knowledge and potency so that we can render You service.



# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 6

## 3.6. Creation of the Universal Form

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# 1-10: Development of the Gigantic Universal Form

Lord saw the creative functions suspended – elements unmixed

Lord's Kali energy (energy of cohesion) entered the 23 elements

Elements combined together to form a fetus in which all lokas & caracaras existed

Lord entered as Garbhodakasayi Visnu, divided Himself by Himself into

Consciousness of  
jivas → jīva-śakti (1)

10 Life airs → prāṇa-  
śakti (10)

Self-identification →  
ātmā-śakti (3)

Refer Bhagavata  
Subodhini p.58

Adhyatma (senses)

Adhibhuta (gross sense  
organs & sense objects)

Adhidaiva (sense  
devatas)







## 35-40: Maitreya felt unworthy to describe the Lord's unlimited glories



- 35: Who can estimate the transcendental time, work and potency of the gigantic form?

- 36. Glorification despite inability

tathāpi kīrtayāmy aṅga  
yathā-mati yathā-śrutam  
kīrtim hareḥ svām sat-kartum  
giram anyābhidhāsatīm

- 37. Purpose of ear:

ekānta-lābham vacaso nu puṁsām  
suśloka-mauler guṇa-vādam āhuḥ  
śruteś ca vidvadbhir upākṛtāyām  
kathā-sudhāyām upasamprayogam



## 35-40: Maitreya felt unworthy to describe the Lord's unlimited glories

- **38:** Brahmā could know Lord's glories only after meditating for 1000 celestial years.
- **39:** His potency is unknown even to Himself.
- **40:** He is beyond words, mind and ego along with their respective controlling demigods.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 7

## 3.7. Further Inquiries by Vidura

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- ◆ 39-42: Vidura declared his confidence in Maitreya



## 1-7: Vidura's Inquiries about Isvara and jivas

- **1:** Vidura asks in a pleasing manner.
- **2-4. Q1:** How is self-satisfied Lord connected with material modes and their activities?
- **5. Q2:** How does the pure soul become engaged in nescience?
- **6. Q2a:** Lord is situated in every jiva's heart. Why then do they suffer?
- **7:** My mind is illusioned, and I request you to clear it up.





## 8-14: Maitreya dispelled all misconceptions about isvara and jivas and recommend bhakti

- **8:** Maitreya replied to Vidura.
- **9:** Lord is overcome by illusion and still He is unconditioned! This is against all logic.





## 8-14: Maitreya dispelled all misconceptions about isvara and jivas and recommend bhakti

### 10-11: Problem is atma-viparyayah

- **10:** Distress of living entity is due to **mis-identification** just as one sees his head cut off in a dream.
- **11:** Moon reflected on water appears to tremble, so the self associated with matter appears to be qualified as matter.





## 8-14: Maitreya dispelled all misconceptions about isvara and jivas and recommend bhakti



- **12: Solution:** But that misconception of self-identity can be diminished by the Lord's mercy, thru Bhakti.
- **13:** When the senses are satisfied in the Supersoul, all miseries are vanquished.
- **14. Attraction for serving Lord's lotus feet:**  
**aśeṣa-saṅkleśa-śamaṁ vidhatte**  
**guṇānuvāda-śravaṇaṁ murāreḥ**  
**kiṁ vā punas tac-caraṇāravinda-**  
**parāga-sevā-ratir ātma-labdḥā**



## 15-22: Vidura shared his heartfelt realizations



- **15-16:** All my doubts have been removed. Disturbances of the *jivas* have no other basis than *maya*.
- **17:** The fools and the liberated enjoy happiness, others suffer.
- **18:** By serving your feet it will be possible to give up the all falsities.

**arthābhāvaṁ viniścitya pratītasyāpi nātmanaḥ  
tām cāpi yuṣmac-caraṇa- sevayāhaṁ parāṇude**

- **19:** Serving Spiritual Master reveals transcendental ecstasy and dispels all distress.

**yat-sevayā bhagavataḥ kūṭa-sthasya madhu-dviṣaḥ  
rati-rāso bhavet tīvraḥ pādayor vyasanārdanaḥ**

- **20:** Persons whose austerity is merger can hardly obtain service of pure devotees.

**durāpā hy alpa-tapasaḥ sevā vaikunṭha-vartmasu  
yatropagīyate nityaṁ deva-devo janārdanaḥ**



## 23-38: Vidura's further questions

Vidura asks more questions by taking clue from previous topics, 3.5 & 3.6

- **21-22:** Maha Visnu entered into mahat-tattva, and Garbhodakasayi Visnu manifested Virāṭ form.

**Kindly explain about...**

- **23-38:** vibhūti, planets, Manus, living entities etc...

Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.65-66



## 39-42: Vidura declared his confidence in Maitreya

- **39:** How could one have knowledge of Bhakti and detachment without devotees?
- **40:** I asked all these questions to know the pastimes of Hari.
- **41:** Your answers will grant immunity from all material miseries.
- **42:** Maitreya began to narrate.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 8

## 3.8. Manifestation of Brahmā from Garbhodakaśāyī viṣṇu



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# 1-9: Disciplic succession of Srimad-Bhagavatam

1. You make the Lord's glories newer
2. I will now speak Bhāgavatam – solution to all miseries

so 'ham nṛṇāṁ kṣulla-sukhāya duḥkham  
mahad gatānāṁ viramāya tasya  
pravartaye bhāgavatam purāṇam yad  
āha sākṣād bhagavān ṛṣibhyaḥ

Saṅkarṣaṇa

Sanat-kumāra

Sāṅkhyāyana Muni

Parāśara & Bṛhaspati

Maitreya



## 10-14: Maitreya described the reawakening of creation

- **10-11:** Garbhodakasayi Visnu in the water of dissolution, submerging all jivas in their subtle bodies for 1000 yuga cycles.
- **13:** Lord's glance agitated material elements with rajas, along with subtle bodies of living entities.
- **14:** Agitated material elements push through His navel, as a lotus bud.





## 15-23: Brahmā's birth and his search for the Absolute Truth

- **15:** Brahmā was generated.
- **16-18:** Brahmā obtained 4 heads while examining 4 directions; he could not understand the creation, the lotus or himself and contemplated.





# 15-23: Brahma's birth and his search for the Absolute Truth

- **19:** Unsuccessful endeavours
- **20:** Duration of life was decreasing.





## 15-23: Brahma's birth and his search for the Absolute Truth

- **21:** Back on top of lotus - concentrated mind on the Lord.
- **22:** 100 yrs meditation, saw Lord in heart.
- **23:** Brahmā could see the Lord lying alone.





# 15-23: Brahma's birth and his search for the Absolute Truth

- 23: Brahmā could see the Lord lying alone.





## 24-33: Beautiful Darsana of Lord Garbhodakasayi Visnu

24: Lord's beauty mocked the beauty of coral mountain

prekṣāṁ kṣipantāṁ haritopalādreh  
sandhyābhra-nīver uru-rukma-mūrdhnaḥ  
ratnodadhārauṣadhi-saumanasya  
vana-srajo veṇu-bhujāṅghripāṅghreh





## 24-33: Beautiful Darsana of Lord Garbhodakasayi Visnu

- 25. Grandeur and expanse of Lord's body
- 26: Mercifully showed one foot  
**pumsām sva-kāmāya vivikta-mārgair  
abhyarcatām kāma-dughānghri-padmam  
pradarśayantam kṛpayā nakhendu-  
mayūkha-bhinnāṅguli-cāru-patram**





# ACKNOWLEDGING DEVOTEES' SERVICE WITH A SMILE!

mukhena lokārti-hara-smitena  
parisphurat-kunḍala-maṇḍitena  
śoṇāyitenādhara-bimba-bhāsā  
pratyarhayantaṁ sunasena subhrvā  
(SB 3.8.27)







## 24-33: Beautiful Darsana of Lord Garbhodakasayi Visnu

- 28: Cloth – Waist – Chest  
**kadamba-kiñjalka-piśaṅga-vāsasā  
svalaṅkṛtaṁ mekhalayā nitambe  
hāreṇa cānanta-dhanena vatsa  
śrīvatsa-vakṣaḥ-sthala-vallabhena**



## 24-33: Beautiful Darsana of Lord Garbhodakasayi Visnu

- 29: Compared to sandalwood tree  
parārdhya-keyūra-maṇi-praveka-  
paryasta-dordanḍa-sahasra-śākham  
avyakta-mūlaṁ bhuvanāṅghripendram  
ahindra-bhogair adhivīta-valśam

30. Lord compared to great mountain





## 32-33: Brahmā starts thinking about His service to the Lord

- **31:** Lord Brahma concludes that object of meditation is Hari.
- **32:** Brahmā could only see five factors, lotus in navel, himself, and three elements water, air and ether.
- **33:** Thus being surcharged with the MoP Brahmā began to offer his respectful prayers on the path of the creative mentality.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 9

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# 1-5: Lord's Supreme Form

- **1:** Supreme knowable form.
- **2:** This form is seed of all incarnations.
- **3:** Your form is non-different from Brahman, but I worship the personal form.
- **4:** Most auspicious form.
- **5. Lord dwells in the hearts of devotees who smell through ears:**

**ye tu tvadiya-caraṇāmbuja-kośa-gandham  
jighranti karṇa-vivaraiḥ śruti-vāta-nītam  
bhaktyā grhīta-caraṇaḥ parayā ca teṣāṁ  
nāpaiṣi nātha hṛdayāmburuhāt sva-puṁsām**





## 6-10: Predicament of the conditioned souls 11-13: Lord's reciprocation with various devotees

- 6: Misidentification causes anxiety.
- 7: Conditions of the unfortunate.
- 8: Miseries of jīva.
- 9: Bodily Identification binds.
- 10: Frustration of non-devotees.
- 11. Lord dwells in the hearts of devotees who see through ears:

**tvam bhakti-yoga-paribhāvita-hṛt-saroja  
āsse śrutekṣita-patho nanu nātha puṁsām  
yad-yad-dhiyā ta urugāya vibhāvayanti  
tat-tad-vapuh praṇayase sad-anugrahāya**

- 12: Lord's reciprocation with sakama and Niskama devotees.
- 13: Actions offered to the Lord benefit.



# 14-21: Obeisances unto...

- **14:** Forms of the Lord worshiped by the jñānī and the devotee (Brahman & Bhagavan).
- **15:** Merciful Names of the Lord.
- **16:** The cosmic tree.
- **17-18:** The time factor.
- **19:** Various transcendental forms.
- **20-21:** Garbhodakasayi Visnu in yoga nidra





## 22-25: Requests to the Lord



- **22. Empower** me with the introspection to create, for I am also one of the surrendered souls who are dear to the Lord.
- **23:** Protect me from **false ego**.
- **24:** Save me from **deviation**.
- **25. Waking up prayer:**  
so 'sāv adabhra-karuṇo bhagavān vivṛddha-  
prema-smitena nayanāmburuhaṁ vijṛmbhan  
utthāya viśva-vijayāya ca no viṣādaṁ  
mādhvyā girāpanayatāt puruṣaḥ purāṇaḥ



## 29-43: Supreme Lord's reply to Brahma

29-33: Follow penance and devotion and then you will see everything in relation to Me



- **29. Do not be anxious:** What you are begging from Me has already been granted.
- **30:** Tapa and vidya gives my asraya and you will be able to create.
- **31-32:** Bhakti gives transcendental vision – You will see Me in you and throughout the universe, and all in Me.
- **33:** By giving up bodily conception you will realize your pure form.



## 29-43: Supreme Lord's reply to Brahma

### 34-40: The Lord's mercy and benedictions

- **34:** Expanding your service attracts My mercy
- **35:** The vicious mode of passion will never encroach upon you.
- **36:** Because you have known that My form is spiritual, You understood Me.
- **37:** I revealed My form when you were searching for base of Navel.





## 29-43: Supreme Lord's reply to Brahma

### 34-40: The Lord's mercy and benedictions offered

- **38:** The prayers you offered, the penances you underwent & your firm faith in Me – all these are to be considered My causeless mercy.

**yac cakarhāṅga mat-stotraṁ**

**mat-kathābhyudayāṅkitam**

**yad vā tapasi te niṣṭhā**

**sa eṣa mad-anugrahaḥ**

- **39:** I am pleased by your description of Me.
- **40: Phala sruti** – all his desires of one who prays like Brahmā, and thus worships Me, will be fulfilled.





## 29-43: Supreme Lord's reply to Brahma

### 41-44: I am the dearmost of all

- **41:** Ultimate goal of all Vedic activities is My pleasure.
- **42:** I am the Supersoul, supreme director and the dearest of all therefore people should be attached to me only.
- **43:** By following My instructions you can now generate the living entities as before.
- **44:** After instructing Brahmā to expand, Lord Nārāyaṇa disappeared.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 10

## 3.10. Divisions of the Creation

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# 1-9: Brahma starts Visarga as instructed by the Lord

**1-3: Vidura** – “What did Brahma do after the Lord left?”

**Maitreya:**

**4:** Brahma meditates on the Lord for 100 celestial years.

**5:** He saw the lotus and the water of devastation was trembling.





## 10.1-9: Brahma starts Visarga as instructed by the Lord

**6:** Drank the wind and water

**7:** Contemplated how to create all the planets.

**8:** Entered the lotus and first divided it into 3 and then 14 divisions

**9:** He could create the planets because of his devotional service.





# 10-13: Characteristics of Time

**10: Vidura:** “Please speak about the characteristics of time.”

(Because Time has been mentioned in many places such as 3.8.12-13, 22 etc)

## 11–13: Characteristics of time

- Cause of interactions of modes
- Without attributes
- Without beginning or end
- Efficient cause of creation
- Representative of Lord’s power
- Divides the universe into 14 planets
- cyclical.



# 10.14-30: 3 Types of Destruction

3 Types of  
destruction

Kala

Dravya

Guna



# 14-30: 6 Types of Primary creation

## 6 TYPES OF SARGA (Prakrita)

**Mahat tattva** – sum total of  
material ingredients

**Ahankara** – False ego

**Tan matra** – Sense objects

**Indriya** - Senses

**Deva** – Demigods & mind

**Avidya sakti** – Ignorance

Refer  
Bhagavata  
Subodhini  
p.81



# 14-30: 3 Types of Secondary creation

Horizontal nourishment – Lower species





# 14-30: 3 Types of Secondary creation

Upward nourishment – Immovable jiva – Trees





# 14-30: 3 Types of Secondary creation

Downward nourishment – Human beings





# Fourth type of Secondary creation: Demigods

Devatas – 8 divisions

Vibudhas - demigods

Pitrās

Asuras

Gandharvas and Apsaras

Yakṣas and Rākṣasas

Siddhas, Cāraṇas and  
Vidhādhādras

Bhūtas, Pretas and  
Piśācas

Kinnars, Kimpuruṣas and  
others.



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# 1-4: Time also has small & big divisions like matter

- **1. Paramāṇu** – ultimate particle which is indivisible
- **2. Parama-mahān** : The totality of all the paramāṇus
- **3.** Just as matter, time also has small and big divisions.
- **4. Paramāṇutām** – Time covered by the sun in passing over an atom.
- **Parama-mahān** time – Time expanded from beginning of creation till destruction of universes.



## 5-15: Divisions of time

- **5-12: Divisions of Time**  
(Refer Bhagavata Subodhini page 84)
- **13-14: Five types of year**  
(Refer Bhagavata Subodhini page 85)
- **15. One should worship the Sun**





## 16-17: Vidura's inquiry about those beyond kalpa. 18-22: Duration of Yugas

- **16.** Please describe life span of others who are beyond kalpa of Brahma
- **17.** As you are self realized – you can understand the movements of time.
- **18.** 1 CaturYuga = 12,000 years of demigods.
- **19. Duration of four yugas** (Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.85)
- **20.** Yuga = Time between two Yuga Sandhyas.
- **21.** Dharma decreases  $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$  from Satya to Kali.
- **22.** Above svarga, i.e. in Mahar, Jana, Tapa & Satya Lokas, duration of one day = 1000 Catur Yugas.



## 23-27: Duration of Manus

- **23.** At the end of Brahma's night creation starts during which 14 Manus rule.
- **24.** Ruling time of 1 Manu = little more than 71 Catur Yugas.
- **25.** In a **Manvantara** - 7 Sages, Demigods also appear with Manu & its descendents gradually.
- **26.** Daily creation of Brahma includes creation of 3 worlds.
- **27.** During the Manvantaras, Lord appears in different incarnations & maintains universe.



## 28-32: Destruction of Universes

- **28.** Kālāgni-rūdra, destroys the 3 worlds at the end of Brahma's day.
- **29.** The 3 worlds disappear and are devoid of the sun and moon.
- **30.** Residents of Maharloka move to Janaloka because of fire from the mouth of Sankarsana.
- **31.** The oceans then swell and cover 3 worlds
- **32.** Garbodakasayi Visnu remains in that water, lying on Ananta, while being glorified by the residents of janaloka.



## 33-37: Brahma's lifespan

- **33.** Thus, days and nights pass for Brahma also & even his life comes to an end
- **34. Parardha** -50 years of Brahma.
- **35. Brāhma-kalpa** - 1<sup>st</sup> day in 1<sup>st</sup> Parardha - Brahma appears along with 4 Vedas.
- **36-37. Pādma-kalpa** – Kalpa in which lotus comes from the navel of Garbodakasayi Visnu.
- **37. Varaha-kalpa** -The First day of the second Parardha -Varahadev appeared.



## 38-42: Insignificance of Brahma's lifespan & universe

- **38.** This Dvi-Parardha time is only a nimesa for the Lord.
- **39.** Time cannot control the Lord.
- **40-41:** The universes look as small as a paramanu when they come out of the bodily pores of Mahavisnu.
- **42.** Śrī Kṛṣṇa (Parambrahman) is therefore the original cause of all causes.
- Thus spiritual abode of Viṣṇu is eternal & supreme



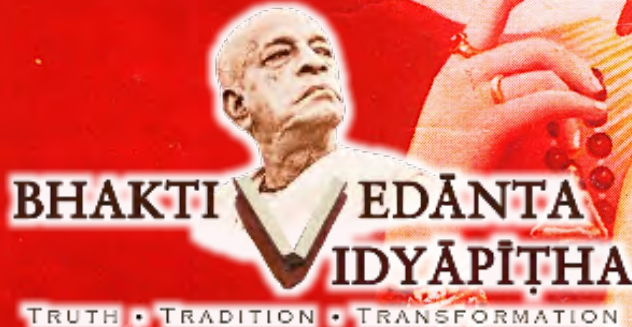


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# 1-3: Five Ajnana-vrttis



- **1:** Maitreya: I have described you about time. Now hear about Brahma's creation.
- **2:** Brahma creates the 5 functions of ignorance: Andhatamisram, tamisram, mahamoham, moham and tamas.
- **3:** Brahma is displeased. Therefore, he meditates on the Lord and recreates

## 1. DISSATISFACTION



## 4-6: Creation of 4 Kumaras

- **4-5:** Creates the Kumaras and asks them to create progeny and they refuse.
- **6:** Thus disrespected Brahma tried to control his rising anger.

### 2. DISRESPECT/ DISOBEDIENCE





## 7-20: Creation of Rudra



- **7:** Rudra emanated.
- **8:** Rudra cries: “Please give me name and place to stay”.
- **9-10:** pacifies Rudra by promising to fulfil his requests and named him Rudra
- **11.** Selected 11 places for Rudra.
- **12-13:** You have 11 names & 11 wives (Rudranis) & accept these places to create progeny.



## 7-20: Creation of Rudra

- **15-16:** Rudra created progeny as himself, after that brahma got afraid.
- **17-20:** Brahma instructed to stop creating & perform austerity. Rudra agreed & went to forest

### 3. DISTURBANCE





## 21-27: Various manifestation's from Brahma's body & mind

**21-24:** 10 sons born from Brahma  
(Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.91)

**25:** Dharma from chest and adharma from back.

**26:** Appearance of Lust, Anger, Greed, Speech, Oceans and Irreligious activities.

**27:** Kardama from shadow.





## 28-33: Vak episode

- **28:** Brahma gets attracted to Vak.
- **29-31:** Brahma's sons, with great respect and affection, spoke as follows:
  - a) This has never been done before and will never be done in future
  - b) This does not befit your reputation
  - c) The population, who would follow your footsteps, will not be benefitted.
- **32:** Their efforts failed & they prayed to the Lord to protect dharma.
- **33:** Brahma, ashamed of his act, gave up his body (mentality) and it became fog.

## 4. DISTRACTION



## 34-49: Further creation *(Refer BS p.92-94)*

- **34-37:** 4 vedas appeared from his mouth and catur hotram
- **38.** Upadevas (Supplementary Vedas)
- **39.** Pancama-veda – Puranas and Itihasas.
- **40.** Karma-tantram.
- **41-43:** 4 legs of Dharmas, asramas & their vrttis /types.
- **44.** Arts, sciences & celebrated Hymns.
- **45-46:** Vedic meters & Verse writing.
- **47.** Audible sounds, Vaikhari (Sabda-brahma)
- **48-49:** Brahma's body composed of vedas – a personal representation of Lord. Later he gave up his previous body & accepted new body



## 50-57: Svayambhuva Manu & Satarupa

### 5. DEFICIENCY

- **50-51:** Brahma began to reflect – “This misfortune is due to destiny”
- **52.** While deliberating, two forms came from Brahma’s body.
- **53-55:** They were Svayambhuva Manu & queen Satarupa - united and gradually increased population.
- **56:** They beget 5 children: a) Priyavrata b) Uttanapada c) Akuti d) Devahuti e) Prasuti.
- **57:** Akuti is married to Ruci, Devahuti to Kardama and Prasuti to Daksha.

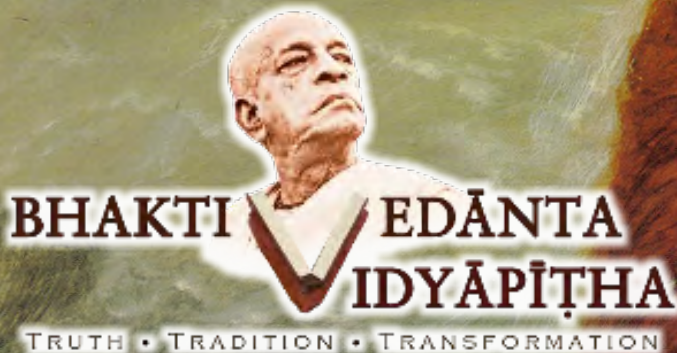


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## 1-5: Inquiries by Vidura about Manu



- 1-2: What did Svayambhuva Manu do?
- 3. It is worth hearing, his sublime character and activities.
- 4. The goal of a person engaged in hearing from a spiritual master is to hear about pure devotees.

**śrutasya puṁsām sucira-śramasya  
nanv añjasā sūribhir īḍito 'rthaḥ  
tat-tad-guṇānuśravaṇaṁ mukunda-  
pādāravindaṁ hṛdayeṣu yeṣāṁ**

- 5. Maitreya replied.



# 6-15: Conversation between Brahma & Manu

## 6-8: Manu asks Brahma

- 7-8: Manu: How can we please you so that a) We get fame in this life  
b) better destination in next life?

## 9-13: Brahma instructs Manu

- 9-10: Brahma – I am very pleased with your exhibited qualities –
  - a) without reservation (*nirvyaḷikena hṛdā*)
  - b) surrendered (*ātmanārpitam*)
  - c) sane (*apramattah*)
  - d) with great delight (*sa-ādaram*)
  - e) beyond the limit of envy (*gata-matsaraiḥ*).



## 6-15: Conversation between Brahma & Manu

- **11:** Three instructions:
  - a) beget children similar to you in quality
  - b) Rule the earth religiously
  - c) Worship the Lord through sacrifices.
- **12:** By thus protecting the population you will please both me and the Lord.
- **13:** Why should one please the Lord? – Because, if one doesn't, then all his endeavors are useless labor.

### 14-15: Manu's reply

- “I accept your order. But please retrieve the earth.”



## 16-30: Pastimes of Sveta Varaha

- **16-17:** Brahma thinks about how to retrieve earth.
- **18-19:** Varaha appeared from his nose, in the size of thumb then grew like elephant in size.
- **20-22:** Brahma and his sons speculate about the boar.
- **23-24:** Lord roared to acknowledge them and give them joy.
- **25-26:** Denizens of Jana, Tapa and Satyalokas started glorifying the Lord. The Lord roared again and entered the water.





## 16-30: Pastimes of Sveta Varaha

- **27. Meditation on the form of the boar** - flew in the sky, slashing His tail, His hard hairs quivering. His glance was luminous, and He scattered the clouds with His hooves and white tusks.
- **28.** Although transcendental, He smelled the earth like ordinary hog;
- **29.** Dived in ocean dividing the water in two waves, while the ocean cried loudly.
- **30.** Reached the limits of the ocean and retrieved the earth.





## 31-33: Pastimes of Nila-Varaha & 34-45: Prayers of the sages

- **31-32:** Varaha killed Hiranyaksa and easily took the earth on His tusks.
- **33:** Brahma and others, understanding that the Boar incarnation is Visnu, offered prayers.
- **34: Sages:** All glories unto Varaha, the cause of all causes.
- **35-38:** Varaha's body is the form of sacrifice.  
(Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.98-99)
- **39:** Obesciences unto Lord.





# 31-33: Pastimes of Nila-Varaha & 34-45: Prayers of the sages

- **40-41:** With the earth on your tusks, you appear like a) Elephant holding lotus with its trunk b) Mountain decorated with clouds.
- **42:** You and your Wife (earth) are our father & mother.
- **43:** Who else but you can accomplish this?
- **44:** We have also been purified by the drops of water from your body.
- **45:** Your pastimes are unlimited.





## 46-50: Lord returns and phala-sruti



- **46-47:** Lord places the earth on water and returns.
- **48. PhalaSruti:** Lord becomes pleased with one who hears and narrates this pastime with devotion.
- **49.** What is difficult for one who pleases the Lord? The Lord gives him His own abode.
- **50.** Hence, who in this world would refuse to hear Hari Katha?



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- ◆ 37-43: Kasyapa's predictions and Diti's request
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# 1-4: Vidura's inquiries about Nila Varaha

## 5-7: Maitreya congratulates Vidura

- **1-4:** Vidura inquired about the cause of fight between Hiranyaksha and Varaha?
- **5. Maitreya:** Your inquiry is befitting. Subject matter of it can free one from birth & death.
- **6.** Proof – Dhruva, who went to Vaikuntha by stepping on Mrtyu's head.
- **7.** Lord Brahma described about this fight to the demigods.





## 8-15: Diti approaches Kasyapa for union

- **8-9:** Diti, afflicted with lust and desire for child approaches Kasyapa at sunset.

### 10-15: Diti's reasons for Union

- **10.** Cupid is torturing me.
- **11.** Distressed seeing the opulence of my co-wives.
- **12.** A qualified child will spread your fame
- **13-14:** I have chosen you for marriage.
- **15.** A great person shouldn't neglect a person who approaches him in distress.





## 16-31: Kasyapa's response to Diti

- **16.** Kasyapa, not being strong enough, only tries to dissuade her with soft words.

### 17-21: Kasyapa glorifies Diti

- **17.** Wife is the cause of perfection in Dharma, artha & Kama.
- **18.** Wife is like a boat that helps to cross over samsara.
- **19.** Wife is called the better half of husband & takes his present and future karmas.
- **20.** One can conquer senses by taking shelter of wife.
- **21.** We can never repay you in this lifetime or next.





## 16-31: Kasyapa's response to Diti

### 22-29: Kasyapa's reasons for postponing union

- 22. Wait for proper time.
- 23. Ghosts move about at this time.
- 24-25: Siva also moves about.
- 26. He doesn't consider anyone as his relative.
- 27-28: Only unintelligent people neglect him.
- 29. Even Brahma follows his orders.
- 30-31: Diti forced and Kasyapa satisfied her.





## 32-36: Diti's repentance

### 37-43: Kasyapa's predictions and Diti's request

- **32.** Kasyapa bathed and sat to chant Gayatri.
- **33.** Ashamed of her faulty action, Diti spoke.
- **34-36: Diti,** "Let Rudra not destroy my embryo. May he (Siva) who is merciful to all women be pleased with me."
- **37-38: Kasyapa,** "Everything was inauspicious because of your uncontrolled mind, faulty choice of time, neglect of my advice & apathy towards demigods."
- **39-41:** You will get 2 contemptuous sons who will torture the three worlds. Lord will appear & kill them.
- **42-43:** Diti requests: Let the Lord kill my sons, but not a brahmana's curse.



## 44-51: Kasyapa speaks about Diti's grandson Prahlada



- **44-45:** Because of your repentance, your respect for the Lord, Siva and me - One of your grandsons will be a great devotee.
- **46.** Devotees will try to **emulate** his qualities.
- **47.** Because the Lord will be **pleased** with him, the whole universe will be pleased with him.
- **48.** He will be a **great devotee**, he will enter Vaikuntha
- **49. Qualities of Prahlada** Maharaj –
- **50.** He will see the Lord internally and externally
- **51.** Diti was satisfied.



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# 1-11 Demigods approach Brahma & praise him.

- **1:** Diti holds her sons in her womb for 100 years.
- **2:** Darkness spread in all directions. Demigods asked Brahma the reason...
- **3:** You are beyond the influence of time.
- **4:** You know the intentions of everyone.
- **5:** You directly appeared from the Lord as differentiated mode of passion.





# 1-11 Demigods approach Brahma & praise him.

- **6-7:** All the planets exist within you & all Jivas generated from you. Persons meditating on you are not defeated at any time
- **8:** Our respects to the chief person who contributed vedas.
- **9-10:** Therefore, please solve this problem.





## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha as described by brahma



- **12-13: Brahma:** Once the 4 kumaras reach Vaikuntha after travelling freely to other places reached abode of Lord, Vaikuntha.

### 14-25: Characteristics of Vaikuntha & residents

- **14: Vaikuntha men:** look like the Lord and serve the Lord.
- **15: Vaikuntha Lord:** exists there to give pleasure to His devotees.
- **16: Vaikuntha Forest:** called Naihsreyasa with beautiful desire trees where everything is spiritual and personal.



## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha as described by brahma



- **17: Vaikuntha couples:** constantly glorify the Lord despite distractions.  
**vaimānikāḥ sa-lalanāś caritāni śaśvad  
gāyanti yatra śamala-kṣapaṇāni bhartuḥ  
antar-jale 'nuvikasan-madhu-mādhavīnām  
gandhena khaṇḍita-dhiyo 'py anilam kṣipantaḥ**



## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha

- 18-19: Vaikuntha Birds & Flowers



pārāvatānyabhṛta-sārasa-cakravāka-  
dātyūha-haṁsa-śuka-tittiri-barhiṇām yaḥ  
kolāhalo viramate 'cira-mātram uccair  
bhṛṅgādhipa hari-kathām iva gāyamāne



mandāra-kunda-kurabotpala-campakārṇa-  
punnāga-nāga-bakulāmbuja-pārijātāḥ  
gandhe 'rcite tulasikābharaṇena tasyā  
yasmimś tapaḥ sumanaso bahu mānayanti





## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha

- 20. Absorbed in Kṛṣṇa Kāthā
- **Airplanes:** made of lapis lazuli, emerald and gold  
yat saṅkulaṁ hari-padānati-mātra-dr̥ṣṭair  
vaidūrya-mārakata-hema-mayair vimānaiḥ  
yeṣāṁ br̥hat-kaṭi-taṭāḥ smita-śobhi-mukhyaḥ  
kṛṣṇātmanāṁ na raja ādadhur utsmayādyaiḥ





## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha

- **21. Vaikuntha Women-** as beautiful as Lakshmi sometimes seen sweeping marble walls to receive lord's grace.  
*śrī rūpiṇī kvaṇayatī caraṇāravindam  
līlāmbujena hari-sadmani mukta-doṣā  
saṁlakṣyate sphaṭika-kuḍya upeta-hemni  
sammārjati yad-anugrahaṇe 'nya-yatnaḥ*
- **22. Goddesses of fortune:** worship the Lord in their own gardens by offering tulasī leaves , they see their reflections in the water.





## 12-25: Description of Vaikuntha

- **23. Who cannot enter this Vaikuntha** – Unfortunate people who are not interested descriptions of Vaikuntha. Such people go to hell.

yan na vrajanty agha-bhido racanānuvādāc  
chṛṇvanti ye 'nya-viṣayāḥ kukathā mati-ghnīḥ  
yās tu śrutā hata-bhagair nṛbhir ātta-sārās  
tāms tān kṣipanty aśaraṇeṣu tamaḥsu hanta

- **24. Importance of Human form** - Even demigods desire human birth, A human who does not understand supreme lord is completely bewildered by Maya.
- **25: Who can enter Vaikuntha** - Those whose bodies show ecstatic symptoms arising due to attachment to Hari katha



## 26-36: Kumaras curse Jaya and Vijaya

- **26:** The Kumaras reach Vaikuntha by the strength of Lord's Yoga maya and not by their own qualification.
- **27-28:** Meet angry Jaya and Vijaya at the seventh gate.
- **29-30:** Jaya and Vijaya become angry and stop the Kumaras from entering.
- **31:** Angry Kumaras started to speak.





## 26-36: Kumaras curse Jaya and Vijaya

### 32-34: Kumaras' reaction and curse

- **32:** How have you developed discordant mentality? You must be imposters.
- **33:** There is complete harmony in Vaikuntha, why then is fear here?
- **34:** We consider punishment for you to go to material world.
- **35-36:** Jaya and Vijaya become fearful of Lord & fell at the feet of Kumaras, "Let your punishment bear fruit, but let us not lose memory of the Lord."





## 37-45: Lord arrives and gives Darshan to the 4 Kumaras

- **37:** The Lord arrives there with Laxmi.
- **38:** Kumaras saw Lord, who was formerly visible only within their hearts.
- **39-41:** Description of Lord's beautiful form (Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.110)





## 37-45: Lord arrives and gives Darshan to the 4 Kumaras

- 43.  
tasyāravinda-nayanasya padāravinda-  
kiñjalka-miśra-tulasī-makaranda-vāyuh  
antar-gataḥ sva-vivareṇa cakāra teṣāṃ  
saṅkṣobham akṣara-juṣāṃ api citta-tanvoḥ
- 44: Kumaras attained meditation on Lord's personal feature.
- 45: This pleasing form, approved by many authorities is object of meditation for yogis.





## 46-50: Kumaras offer Prayers

- **46:** We got Your rare Darshan today because of Brahma's mercy, who described to us about Your confidential nature.
- **47:** Through unflinching Bhakti, Your form can be understood.
- **48:** Devotees, because they are immersed in experiencing the taste of hearing Hari katha, do not consider even liberation as Your mercy.
- **49:** May we be born in hell, but we pray that our body, mind & words be engaged in your service.
- **50:** We offer our respects unto your form, satisfied our mind & vision.



# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 16

## 3.16 Jaya and Vijaya, Cursed by the Sages



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## 1-12: Lord apologizes the Kumaras

- **1:** After congratulating sages, Lord spoke.
- **2-3:** My servants offended you, I **approve** the punishment.
- **4:** I consider this an offense by Myself; therefore I seek forgiveness.
- **5:** Servant's mistake causes master's infamy— Ex: Leprosy spot.





## 1-12: Lord apologizes the Kumaras

### 6-11: Lord glorifies Brahmanas

- **6:** Even caṇḍāla is purified by taking My Name and fame. I have attained that state because of you.
- **7:** Because of my service to devotees like you, dust of my feet immediately wipes out all sin and Laxmi doesn't leave Me.

yat-sevayā caraṇa-padma-pavitra-reṇuṁ  
sadyaḥ kṣatākhila-malaṁ pratilabdha-śīlam  
na śrīr viraktam api mām vijahāti yasyāḥ  
prekṣā-lavārtha itare niyamān vahanti

- **8:** I enjoy food through the mouth of Brahmanas
- **9:** If I take dust of brahmanas on my head, who will refuse to do the same?



## 2112: Lord apologizes Kumaras

### 13-15: Situation of Kumaras

- **10: People who displease me:** Those who look upon brahmanas, cows and defenseless creatures as different from Me—are like serpents and torn by Yamaraja.
- **11: People who please Me** - Who respect the brāhmaṇas, even though the brāhmaṇas utter harsh words.
- **12:** Let Jaya and Vijaya come back to Me soon.

### 13-15: Situation of Kumaras.

- **13: Kumaras were not satisfied**—by Lord's lovely and illuminating speech, as they were bitten by the serpent of anger.
- **14: Kumaras could not comprehend** Lord's speech, yet delighted and spoke to Lord.



## 16-25: Kumaras reply to Lord Narayana

- **16:** We are unable to know what you intend for us.
- **17:** You respect brahamans to set example for others.
- **18-19:** You always protected dharma, eternally unchangeable & by Your mercy detached yogis cross nescience.
- **20:** Laxmidevi desires for place in the abode of king of bees hovering at Tulasi offered at Your feet.
- **21:** O Lord, you are attached to activities of your pure devotees and not to your wife, Laksmi.





## 16-25: Kumaras reply to Lord Narayana



- **22-23:** Protector of Brahmanas – you protect this universe by Your appearance in 3 yugas.
- **24:** Your potency is not reduced by Your submissive behavior. Rather, by submission You exhibit your transcendental pastimes.
- **25:** We accept whatever You ordain on us and Your servants. We cursed two faultless persons.



## 26-32: Lord reconciles situation

- **26: The Lord replied:** Punishment on them is ordained by me. They will return to me as they will be absorbed in meditation on me in anger.
- **27-28:** The sages circumambulated, departed

### 29-31: The Lord spoke to Jaya and vijaya.

- **29:** Though I can nullify curse, But I do not desire to go against my own rules.
- **30:** This departure was foretold by Laxmi, she was angry when you stopped her.
- **31:** By meditating on Me in anger, you will overcome the offense and return to Me shortly
- **32:** Lord returned to His abode where there are many celestial planes.



## 33-37: Lord Brahma concludes the Narration

- **33-35:** Jaya & Vijaya lost their luster and fell from Vaikunta. A great roar of disappointment arose from all the demigods. These two entered the womb of Diti.
- **36-37:** There is no remedy within my power, for it is the Lord Himself who desires to do all this. That most ancient person will alone come to our rescue. We can not do much by our deliberation.





## Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 17

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# 1-15: Inauspicious omens after the birth of the twin brothers

- **1:** After hearing from Brahma all demigods gave up fear and went to their places.
- **2:** Fearful Diti gives birth to the twins only after 100 years.
- **3:** Many fearful natural disturbances started to occur after their birth on the earth, heavens and outerspace.
- **4-14: Various natural disasters after the demon's birth** (Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.119)
- **15:** Seeing these evil omens everyone except the Kumaras are afraid thinking that the time for dissolution has come.



## 16-19: The brothers grow up

- **16:** Two brothers began to grow like mountains with bodies as strong as steel.
- **17:** With their gigantic form they seem to be kissing the sky and each of their steps shook the earth.
- **18:** Kasyapa gives them names. Hiranyaksa & Hiranyakasipu.
- **19:** Fearless Hiranyakasipu started to control all the three worlds.



## 20-26: Hiranyaksa conquers all directions

- **20:** Hiranyaksa travels all over the universe to fight and satisfy his brother.
- **21-23:** Seeing his uncontrolled temper, gigantic form, strength – all demigods fled. He roared loudly.
- **24-25:** With a desire to sport, he then dove into the ocean. The aquatics run away in fear.
- **26:** Moving about in the ocean for many years striking the waves with his mace, he arrives at Varuna's palace, Vibhavari.





## 27-31: Conversation between Varuna and Hiranyaksa

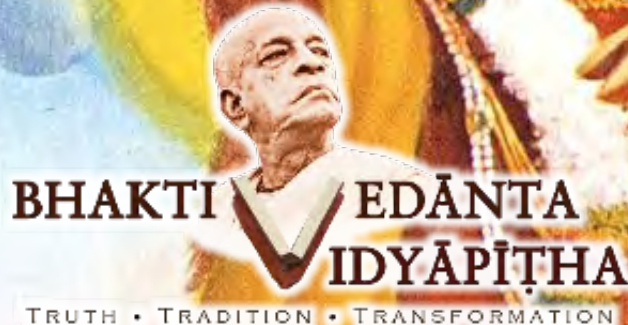
- **27-28:** Hiranyaksa fell at Varuna's feet like a lowborn man & made fun of him
- **29:** Thus provoked, Varuna controlled his anger using his intelligence and replied.
- **30-31:** Only the Lord can satisfy your desire to fight and destroy your pride.





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## 1-8: Hiranyaksa criticizes Lord Varaha

1. Proud Hiranyaksa enters Garbodhaka ocean and says -

2-5. "O amphibious beast, You cannot take the earth. You have killed demons remaining invisible. When you die demigods too will die."

6-7. The Lord pained by the abusive words rose out of water and the demon chased the Lord.

8. Lord placed the earth on water. All demigods were pleased.

See the table in Bhagavata Subodhini p.122





## 9-12: Lord's fitting reply to Hiranyaksa

**9.** The Lord angrily replied & laughed,  
**10-12.** "We are searching for dogs like you. I have made enmity with a powerful enemy. Give up your foolish talk."

**13-14.** Challenged, demon became angry & hit Lord by mace

**15-16:** The lord dodged the attack & rushed towards demon

**17-19:** Both struck each other with mace & performed various maneuvers





## 20-28: Brahma requests the Lord to kill Hiranyaksa

**20-21:** Brahma came with sages & addressed Lord

**22-23:** “This demon is offender of sinless beings

**24-25:** Please don't play with him, kill him quickly.

**26.** Darkest evening is fast approaching

**27-28:** Auspicious period Abhijit has almost passed, so kill him.





# Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 19

## 3.19 Killing of Hiranyaksa



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# 1-26: Fight between Hiranyaksa & Varahadeva



1. Hearing Brahma's words the Lord laughed

**2-6: Hiranyaksa overthrew Lord's Mace**

2. Lord sprang & aimed at demon's chin

3. Demon struck back, & lord's mace slipped

4. Demon didn't strike the unarmed Lord, which made Lord angry

5-6. Lord invoked Sudarshan chakra



1-26: Fight between Hiranyaksa & Varahadeva  
7-12: Lord overthrew Hiranyaksa's mace

7. Seeing chakra the demon began to hiss like serpent

8-9: Hiranyaksha aimed mace at Lord but Lord effortlessly knocked it down

10. "Take your weapon again."

11-12: Lord caught demon's mace offered it again to frustrated demon





1-26: Fight between Hiranyaksa & Varahadeva

13-16: Failure of Hiranyaksa's attacks

**13-14:** Demon threw trident but Lord cut it

**15-16:** Hiranyaksha struck Lord's chest but Lord was unquaked

**17-22: Illusions created by Hiranyaksa:** Wind, stones, etc..., lightning , thunder, raining pus, blood etc, mountains discharged weapons, naked demonesses...





1-26: Fight between Hiranyaksa & Varahadeva

17-22: Illusions created by Hiranyaksa

21. Ruffians shouting violent slogans

22. Lord invoked chakra

23-26: Death of Hiranyaksha

23. Blood flowing from Diti's breast

24. Hiranyaksha tried to squeeze the Lord

25-26. Lord slapped him in root of ear and Hiranyaksha dead





## 27-32: Brahma & others praise Hiranyaksha

- 27. What a blessed death...
- 28. Struck by foot , left seeing Lord's face
- 29. Assistants of Lord cursed
- 30. All obeisances to you...
- 31. Lord returned to his abode
- 32. I have spoken the pastime as heard





## 33-36: Glories of Lord's activities

### 37-38: Phala Sruti

- 33. Vidura became pleased after hearing
- 34. Pleasure even in hearing deeds of devotees
- 35. Lord delivered Gajendra
- 36. Lord easily pleased by spotless devotees

### 37-38: Phala Sruti

- 37. One who hears, chants will be free from sinful results
- 38. Bestows all material benedictions & at last moment goes to Lord abode





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## 9-11: Vidura's Inquiries about Brahma's creation



### 1-6: Saunaka rsi's questions

1. After situating earth what did Manu do?
- 2-4. What did Vidura inquire from Maitreya
5. They must be having Hari katha
6. Please narrate

### 7-11: Vidura's Inquiries

9. How did Brahma create Living beings?
- 10-11. Did prajapatis create jointly or independently?



## 12-15: Maitreya summarizes primary creation

**12.** Pradhana agitated by karma of jivas, by time, the mahat tattva arose

**13.** Mahat tattva – ahankara --elements, senses, sense devatas

**14.** Lord's cohesive energy combines them into egg

**15.** After 1000 years Garbhodakasayi Visnu enters it





## 16-53: Brahma's creation

### 19-21: Creation of Yaksa & Raksasas



- 16. Brahma sprouts from Lord's navel
- 17. Directed by Visnu Brahma creates
- 18. 5 types of ignorance
- 19. Brahma gives up body, yaksas, raksasas accept it
- 20. They run after Brahma
- 21. Brahma requests them to spare him
- 22. Brahma then created devatas



## 16-53: Brahma's creation

### 23-37: Creation of demons

- 23. Created demons from buttocks who approached him for sex
- 24-25: Brahma flew out of fear & took Lord's shelter
- 26-27: Please protest me, only you are capable to end my distress
- 28: Lord - Cast off your impure body
- 29-31: Body became twilight , asuras thinking it as damsel took it
- 32. Oh! What a youthful beauty
- 33. Asuras treat it like woman
- 34. Whose daughter are you?
- 35-36: You have agitated us
- 37. Foolish asuras accepted the twilight



## 16-53: Brahma's creation

### 40-43: Bhutas, Pisacas, Sadhyas etc...

#### 38-39: Creation of Gandharvas & Apsaras

- 38. Created gandharvas & apsaras by his beauty
- 39. Gave up his body which became moonlight

40. Brahma creates Bhutas, Pisacas

41. They accept body thrown off by Brahma

42-43: Created Sadhyas & Pitas, who took possession of Brahma's invisible body

44. Brahma created Siddhas & Vidyadharas

45-46: Creation of Kinnaras, Kimpurusas

47-48: Creation of snakes





## 16-53: Brahma's creation

### 49-53: Creation of Manu & sages

49. Brahma created Manus

50. Gave his own form , demigods applaud

51. Demigods - Ritualistic acts have now been established

52. Brahma evolved great sages by tapa, yoga, Samadhi...

53. To each of them gave a part of his own body

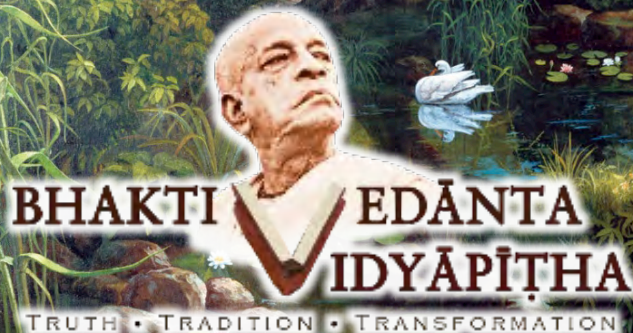


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- ◆ 45-49: Kardama received Manu





# 1-5: Vidura's inquires about Manu

1. Describe the dynasty of Manu
2. How did Priyavrata & Uttanupada protect earth?
- 3-4. About Devahuti (yoga lakshana) and Kardama (maha-yogi)
5. About Ruci and Daksa





## 6-8: Kardama muni's austerities

6. Kardama's austerity for 10,000 yrs
7. Performed Bhakti in trance and propitiated the Lord (prapanna-varadāśuṣam)
8. Lord was pleased to showed His form





## 9-12: Kardama gets Lord's Darshana

9. Lord effulgent, garlanded with white lotuses, silk garments

10. Crowns, earrings, sankha, cakra, Gada

11. Srivatsa & Kaustubha, & hand on shoulders of Garuda

**vinyasta-caraṇāmbhojam**

**aṁsa-deśe garutmataḥ**

**dr̥ṣṭvā khe 'vasthitam vakṣaḥ-**

**śriyaṁ kaustubha-kandharam**

12. Kardama joyful, offered obeisances





## 13-22: Kardama's Prayers

13. Perfection of eyes

**juṣṭam batādyākhila-sattva-rāśeḥ  
sāmsiddhyam akṣṇos tava darśanān naḥ  
yad-darśanam janmabhir īḍya sadbhir  
āśāsate yogino rūḍha-yogāḥ**

14. Less intelligent worship for cheap material things

15. I am also like them

16. I am bound by instructions of Brahma





## 13-22: Kardama's Prayers

17. Surrendered souls will be liberated

**lokāṁś ca lokānugatān paśūṁś ca  
hitvā śritās te caraṇātapatram  
parasparam tvad-guṇa-vāda-sīdhu-  
pīyūṣa-niryāpita-deha-dharmāḥ**

18. Time doesn't affect the devotees





## 13-22: Kardama's Prayers

**19.** You alone are creator,  
maintainer, destroyer –  
SPIDER

**20.** Let your causeless  
mercy be upon us

**21.** Obeisances to your  
lotus feet

**22.** The lord begins to  
speak.





## 23-32: The Lord spoke to Kardama

- 23. I have already arranged for a wife
- 24. Devotees desires are never frustrated
- 25. Svayambhuva Manu rules the earth
- 26. He will come day after tomorrow
- 27. They will deliver Devahuti to you
- 28. She will just be your type
- 29. She will bring forth 9 daughters





## 23-32: The Lord spoke to Kardama

**30.** With your heart cleansed you  
will finally attain me

**31.** You will see universe in me &  
me in everyone

**32.** I shall manifest as Kapila dev





## 33-37: Lord left & Manu arrived

33. Lord departed

34. Lord's departure to Vaikuntha

35. Kardama waited for Manu

36-37: Svayambhuva Manu arrives





## 38-44: Description of Bindu sarovara

**38-39:** Bindu sarovara  
filled with tears of Lord,  
filled with waters of  
Sarasvati

**40.** Trees on shores of  
Bindu sarovar

**41.** Birds, bees, peacocks

**42-43:** Flowering trees  
adorning sarovara

**44:** Abounded by  
animals





## 45-56: Kardama receives Manu and glorifies kings like him

**45-47:** Manu sees Kardama's appearance, shining, not emaciated, lotus eyes, etc..

**48.** Kardama received him with due honour

**49.** Kardama addresses Manu

**50-56: Kardama glorifies Manu**

**50.** You embody the protecting energy of Lord

**51.** None other than Lord Visnu

**52-54:** Without you varnasrama will be destroyed

**55.** Irreligion will increase

**56.** We will carry out your desire





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1-7: Manu glorified Kardama

8-14: Manu offered Devahuti

1. Manu addressed Kardama
2. Brahma created you, the brahmanas
- 3-4: For Brahmanas protection, the ksatriyas created
5. Now I have resolved my doubts
- 6-7: By my good fortune , I have attained your association, instructions, etc

**8-14: Manu offered Devahuti**

8. Please listen to my prayer
- 9-11. She is from great family, seeking husband, fixed mind on you, suitable wife for you
12. Not commendable to deny an offering
13. If begs later for rejected offering, destroys fame
14. No vow of life long celibacy



## 15-20: Kardama accepted with condition

- 15. I have a desire to marry her
- 16. Who would reject her
- 17. Even Gandharva fell from airplane seeing her beauty
- 18. What wise man will not welcome her
- 19. condition- stay only till she produces offspring & then renounce
- 20. Highest authority for me is Lord





## 21-27: Kardama married Devahuti

- 21. His face captures Devahuti's mind
- 22. Manu offered Devahuti to Kardama
- 23. Satarupa gives presents & dowry
- 24. Manu's feelings of separation
- 25. Tears poured again & again
- 26-27: Manu & Satrupa returned



## 28-39: Manu's wonderful rule

28. Citizens of Brahmavarta welcome Manu

29-32: Glory of Manu's capital

29-30: Varaha deva's hair turned into Kusa grass

31. Manu worshipped Lord by Kusa grass

32. Manu entered his palace

33. Enjoyed wife , subjects without conflicting religion, heard Krishna katha

34. Not degraded as enjoying in Krishna conscious atmosphere

35. Absorbed in hearing, writing, chanting Lord's pastimes

36. Always thinking of Vasudeva, transcended 3 fold miseries

37. No miseries can bind a devotee

38. Manu taught Varnasrama

39. Now hear about Devahuti



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# 1-8: Kardama pleased with Devahuti's service

**1-3:** Devahuti pleases Kardama by her service, displaying the following characteristics of a chaste wife:

**pitṛbhyāṁ prasthite sādhvī patim iṅgita-kovidā  
nityaṁ paryacarat prītyā bhavānīva bhavaṁ prabhum**

**viśrambheṇātma-śaucena gauraveṇa damena ca  
śuśrūṣayā sauhṛdena vācā madhurayā ca bhoḥ**

**visṛjya kāmaṁ dambhaṁ ca  
dveṣaṁ lobhaṁ aghaṁ madam  
apramattodyatā nityaṁ  
tejiyāṁsam atoṣayat**





# 1-8: Kardama pleased with Devahuti's service

4-5: Kardama, overcome with compassion on seeing how Devahuti had neglected her body for serving him, spoke –

6. “I am pleased with you, as you have served me without caring for your body.

7-8: You will attain all the facilities that I have attained through my devotional yoga and austerities, **bhagavat prasadam**. They are not subject to lamentation and fear.





## 9-11: Devahuti's request to Kardama for child

## 13-21: Description of aerial mansion

**9-11:** Devahuti replies with a shy smile,  
“Let us unite once for a child, make my  
emaciated body fit and arrange for a  
suitable house.”

**12.** Kardama created an aerial mansion

**13-21:** Airplane bedecked with jewels,  
flags, artistic work, fabrics

- with beds, couches, artistic wall,  
floors, doors, domes, canopies
- live & artificial birds, pleasure grounds,  
etc ...astonished even Kardama





## 22-33: Devahuti entered Bindu Sarovar & turned beautiful

**22-23:** Take bath in this desire fulfilling lake and ascend the airplane

**24-27:** Devahuti entered the lake & saw 1000 young girls asking to serve her.

**28-33:** Devahuti was bathed, dressed, garlanded and decorated with ornaments & her face shone with beautiful features.





## 34-43: Enjoyment of Kardama & Devahuti

**34-35:** She then remembered her husband and immediately got transported to his place with the 1000 servants.

**36-38:** Kardama with increased fondness placed her in mansion. He shone like a moon surrounded by many stars

**39-40:** They visited pleasure valleys & celestial gardens





## 34-43: Enjoyment of Kardama & Devahuti

41. Kardama surpassed even demigods

42. What is difficult to achieve for a person who has taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord

**kiṁ durāpādanam teṣāṁ  
puṁsām uddāma-cetasām  
yair āśritas tīrtha-padaś  
caraṇo vyasanātyayaḥ**

43. Kardama & Devahuti return to the Asrama





## 44-48: Union of Kardama & Devahuti

### 49-57: Devahuti pleads Kardama to stay back

**44-48:** Kardama divides himself into 9 forms

**45-46:** Enjoying 100 autumns passed like a moment

**47-48:** Impregnated Devahuti, who gave birth to ( beautiful daughters

**49-57: Devahuti pleads Kardama to stay back**

**49-50:** seeing Kardama leave , pained Devahuti spoke suppressing her tears

**51.** Give me fearlessness

**52.** Indirect request for son

**53.** I neglected to cultivate knowledge of Lord

**54.** Associated with you without knowing your greatness



## 49-57: Devahuti pleads Kardama to stay back

55. Association of materialists -> bondage, but association with devotees -> liberation

**saṅgo yaḥ saṁsṛter heturasatsu vihitō 'dhiyā  
sa eva sādhuṣu kṛtoniḥsaṅgatvāya kalpate**

56. He, whose actions does not lead to dharma → to vairagya → tirtha pada seva, is just a living corpse

**neha yat karma dharmāyana virāgāya kalpate  
na tīrtha-pada-sevāyaijivann api mṛto hi saḥ**

57. I am one such corpse – being completely cheated by maya, didn't seek liberation

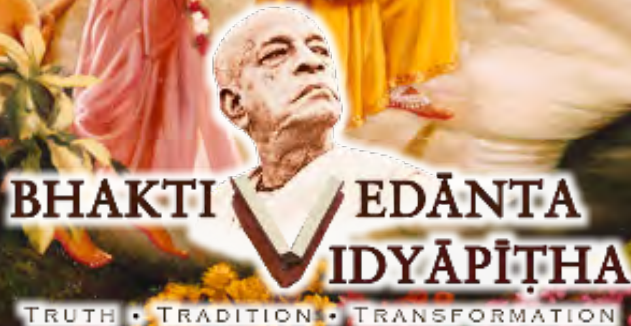


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- ◆ 41-47: Kardama's renunciation





# 1-4: Kardama instructed Devahuti

## 5-9: Appearance of Lord Kapila

**1-2:** Do not lament, the Lord will appear as your son

**3-4:** Faithfully worship the Lord who will cut your attachment & teach the knowledge of Brahman

### 5-9: Appearance of Lord Kapila in Devhuti's womb

**5.** With full faith Devahuti worships the Lord

**6.** Lord appears in her womb after long time.

**7-9:** Festivities in higher planets & arrival of Brahma with great sages along with his sons at Kardama muni's ashram.



# 10-19: Brahma glorifies & predicts activities Of Kapila 20-25: Brahma departs & marriage of 9 daughters



**10-11:** Brahma worshipped the Lord  
**Brahma to Kardama,**

**12-13:** "By following me you have honored me.  
This is perfect service to ones father."

**14-15:** Offer your 9 daughters to great sages

**16-17:** Lord Kapila appeared by his internal  
energy will uproot deep rooted desire for  
karma."

**18-19:** Brahma glorifies Devahuti and predicts  
future activities of Lord Kapila.

**20.** Brahma departs

**21-23:** Nine daughters offered to nine sages in  
marriage.

**24-25:** Kardama took care of married couples,  
who then depart.



## 26-34: Kardama's prayers to Lord Kapila

27. Demigods get pleased after long time
28. Yogis see Lord after many births
29. But you have appeared in the house of negligent householder
30. You have descended to make your words true & give knowledge
31. Your forms are transcendental, pleasing to devotees
32. You are full with 6 opulences
33. You are supreme person, maintainer of all universes
34. Please permit me to renounce





## 35-40: Response of Lord Kapila

### 35-36: 3 Reasons for My appearance

35. I promised you

36. To explain the principles of self realization for those desiring liberation

37. I have come to revive the knowledge of Sankhya.

### 38-39: Kapila's instructions to Kardama.

38. Depart when you please. By offering your activities to Me, worship Me for immortality

39. Then you will see Me within your heart as Super soul become free from lamentation & fearless

40. Lord Kapila promises to give Devahuti fearlessness by imparting her spiritual knowledge.





## 41-47: Renunciation of Kardama

41. Pleased Kardama leaves to the forest
42. He accepts maunavrata and wanders around shelter less, taking complete shelter of the Lord
43. He fixes his mind on the Lord
44. Free from material contamination, mind becomes calm
45. Becomes liberated, self situated in devotional service
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## 1-5: Saunaka Rsi's eagerness to hear about Kapila

1-3: Please describe about Lord Kapila who took birth to give sankhya & hearing about him gives actual pleasure to senses

4. Maitreya speaks..

5. After Kardama left, Lord Kapila stayed with Devahuti





## 6-11: Devahuti's Questions to Lord Kapila

6. Remembering words of Brahma, Devahuti inquires
7. I am sick of the disturbance and ignorance due to Material senses
8. You are my transcendental eye (sat-caksu)
9. You have arisen like sun to dissipate darkness
10. **Q1: Please dispel my illusion of 'aham mameti'**
11. I take Your shelter to destroy material existence
  - Please explain about Jiva in Material world





## 12-27: Adhyatmika yoga & its description

**12-14.** Kapila offers **Adhyatmika yoga** as solution

- Bhakti + Jnana (Sankhya) + Yoga (Astanga)

**15. Mind** is the pivot. attached to matter –  
Bondage, attached to Supreme Lord – Liberation.

### Symptoms of Liberated Mind

**16.** Mind free from lust & greed transcends  
happiness & distress

**17.** Then one sees soul as transcendental, self  
effulgent..

**18. It happens by Bhakti** - endowed with jnana &  
vairagya gives right perspective.





## 12-27: Adhyatmika yoga & its description

## 19-20: Glory of Bhakti

19. Perfection in yoga not possible without bhakti

20. How to get bhakti? – Association of sadhus opens door to liberation

**prasaṅgam ajaram pāśam ātmanaḥ kavayo viduḥ  
sa evasādhuṣu kṛto mokṣa-dvāram apāvṛtam**

21-23: Characteristics & activities of sadhu:

21. Secondary characteristics of a sadhu

**titikṣavaḥkārūṇikāḥ suhṛdaḥsarva-dehinām  
ajāta-śatravaḥśāntāḥ sādhaḥsādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ**

22. Primary characteristics of a sadhu

**mayy ananyena bhāvena bhaktim kurvanti ye dṛḍhām  
mat-kṛtetyakta-karmāṇas tyakta-svajana-bāndhavāḥ**

23. Activities- Hearing, chanting remembering Me



## 12-27: Adhyatmika yoga & its description

## 24-25: Associate with sadhus to get prema

24. Seek attachment to detached sadhus

25. Krishna katha in association of sadhus gives ruci, asakti, bhava, prema.

**satām prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido  
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ  
taj-joṣaṇād āśv apavarga-vartmani  
śraddhā ratir bhaktir anukramiṣyati**

26-27: Jnana & yoga are incomplete without Bhakti

26. Thinking about me, control mind through yoga

27. Develop bhakti, knowledge in renunciation to achieve Me





## 28-30: Devahuti's further Questions

**28-29:**

**Q2:** What kind of Bhakti to perform to easily attain you?

**Q3** Explain Jnana

**Q4.** Explain yoga

**30.** Although unintelligent, I can understand by your mercy





## 31-44: Lord Kapila answers Q2 (Bhakti to attain the Lord easily)

**31.** Lord Kapila compassionately describes Sankhya, bhakti and yoga.

**32-33.** Bhakti without material desires – vaidhi and bhava – is superior to liberation. It quickly destroys subtle body as digestive fire.

**devānām guṇa-liṅgānām ānuśravika-karmaṇām  
sattva evaika-manaso vṛttiḥ svābhāvikī tu yā  
animittā bhāgavatī bhaktiḥ siddher garīyasī  
jarayaty āśu yā kośaṁ nigīrṇam analo yathā**

**34-38:** Characteristics of a devotee in bhava attained by vaidhi and raganuga



## 31-44: Lord Kapila answers Q2 (Bhakti to attain the Lord easily)

**39-40:** Vaidhi sadhana Bhakti

**41.** Fear of material world can only be overcome by devotion

**42.** All devatas work fearing only Me

**43.** Yogis take my shelter for perfection

**44.** Greatest benefit achieved by tivrabhakti





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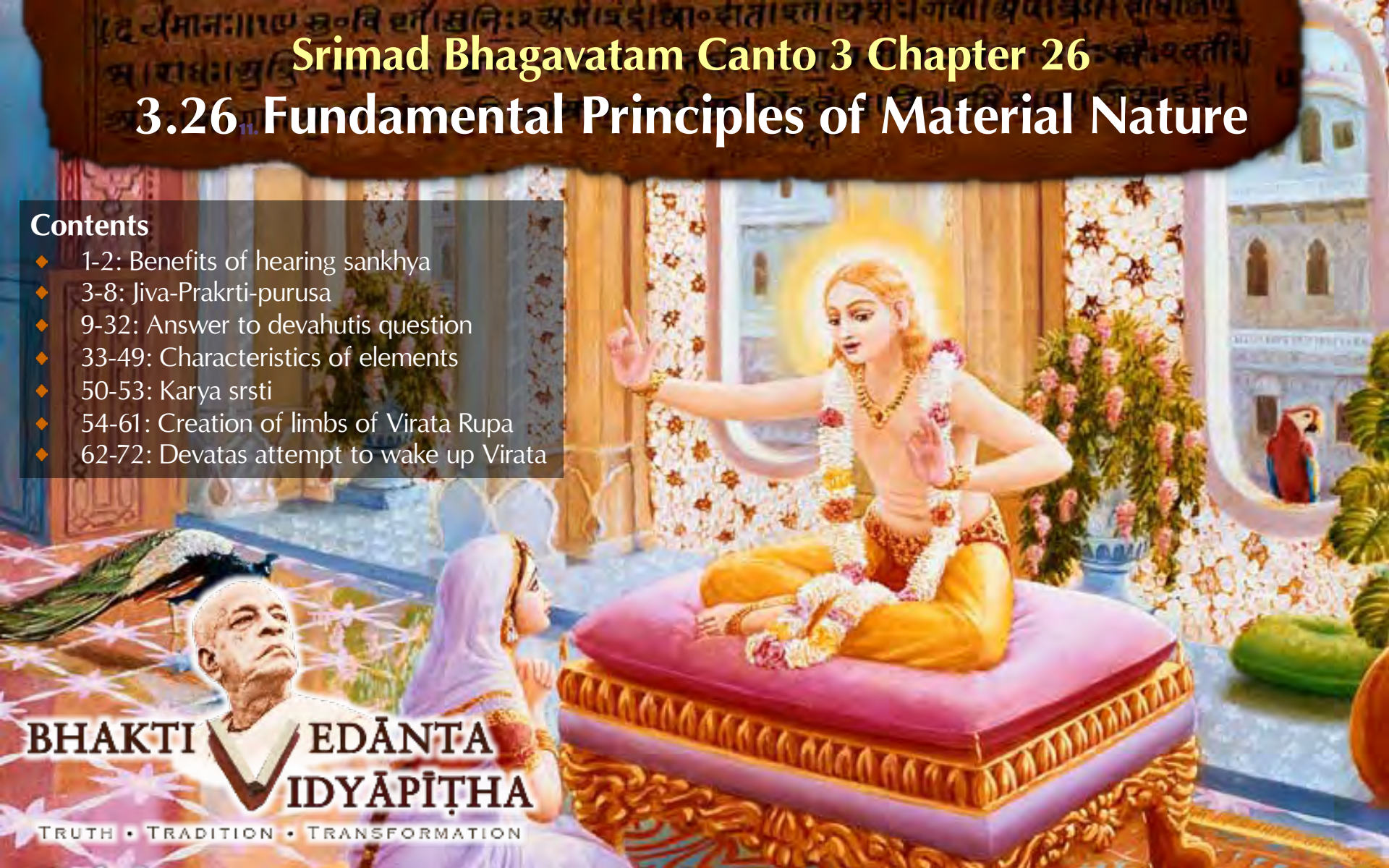
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**1-2:** Knowing different elements, one is

- Free from modes
- Attains perfection
- Cuts knot of attachment





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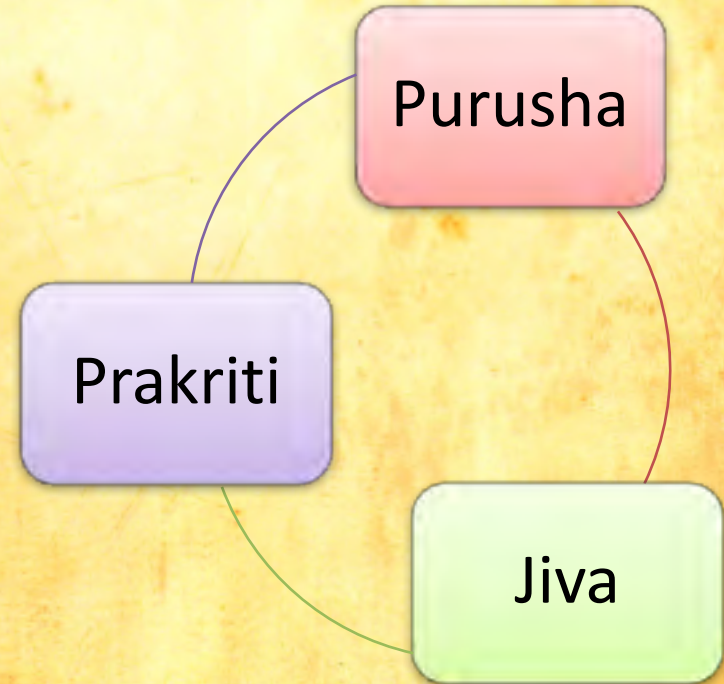
No beginning, Supreme soul, self effulgent etc.

4. Interaction with prakruti is His pastime

5-7. Jiva bewildered seeing variety -- considers himself doer -- Leads to bondage

8. **Prakruti** - cause of jiva's actions &

**Purusa** - cause of the results of his actions.





## 9-49: Characteristics of Pradhāna, Time and other Elements



9. [Q3a] Describe characteristics of prakṛti & puruṣa

Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.163-165

47-49: Sound-> Ether-> Touch->  
Air-> Form-> Fire-> Taste->  
Water-> Smell-> Earth



## 50-53: Karya Srsti

- 50. Supreme Lord enters dormant universe
- 51. Unintelligent egg leads to Virat Rupa
- 52. Universal egg covered by 7 layers
- 53. Virat Rupa lying within egg, divided it.

## 54-61: Creation or Various Limbs of Virata Rupa

Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.166



## 62-72: Devatas attempt to wake up Virata Rupa

- **62.** The devatas again entered the apertures one after another to wake up Virat purusha, but were unsuccessful.
- **70.** When Vasudeva entered the heart with Citta, Virata Rupa rose.
- **71.** Pranas, mind and intelligence cannot wake up a sleeping individual without the intervention of the Lord.
- **72. Purpose of explaining the analysis of elements: To contemplate on Supersoul with devotion.**





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## 3.27 Understanding Material Nature

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## 1-5: Jiva in Conditioned state

1. Jiva unaffected by gunas
2. Falsely thinks proprietor due to false ego
3. Leads to samsara
4. Constant meditation on sense objects- leads to material condition
5. Solution: control mind through bhakti & detachment





## 6-11: Attaining liberation by Jnana

- **6.** Process - Practice astanga yoga with faith in Lord's form, and hear Krsna katha.
- **17-10: 18 Qualities to be cultivated by Jnani**

Refer Bhagavata Subodhini p.168-9

- **11.** A liberated soul realizes Supersoul who is
  - Manifest as reflection in false ego
  - Cause of prakrti
  - Revealer of material elements
  - All pervading
  - One without second



## 12-13: Inferring the presence of Soul & Supersoul

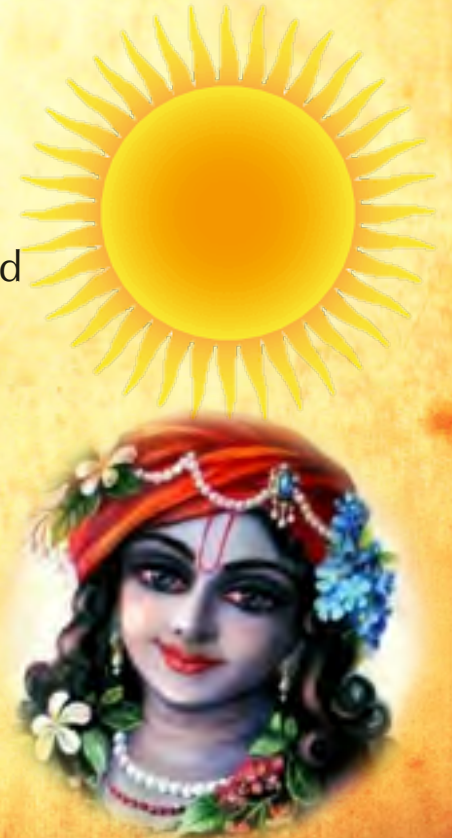
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- Inference of Sun's presence:
  - Sun -> reflected on water & then on wall
- Inference of presence of jiva-
  - Pure jiva influenced by ahankara -> reflected in body, senses & mind
- Inference of lord->
  - Supreme Lord -> reflected everywhere through his energies

### 14-16: Soul without material coverings

14. Soul is pure yet appears to be covered

15. Although he can feel his existence vividly, he thinks that he is lost and feels distressed during deep sleep or universal destruction.

16. Realization by mature understanding.





## 17-20: [Q4a] Devahuti's Questions about rarity of liberation

## 21-23: Kapila recommends intense practice

### 17-20: [Q4a] Devahuti's Questions about rarity of liberation

- **17-19:** How is liberation possible? – since jiva and prakriti are attracted to each other eternally!
- **20.** Reappearance of fear, since cause has not ceased.

### 21-23: Kapila recommends intense practice

- **21-22:** Attain liberation by intense practice (tivra bhakti)
- **23.** By seriously practicing influence of prakrti can be removed



## 24-26: Prakrti cannot harm an enlightened soul

## 27-30: Final liberation of yogi

### 24-26: Prakrti cannot harm an enlightened soul

- **24.** By giving up desire to lording, jiva becomes independent
- **25.** He is an awakened person
- **26.** Prakrti cannot harm him as he knows absolute truth, fixed mind on Me, rejoices in self.

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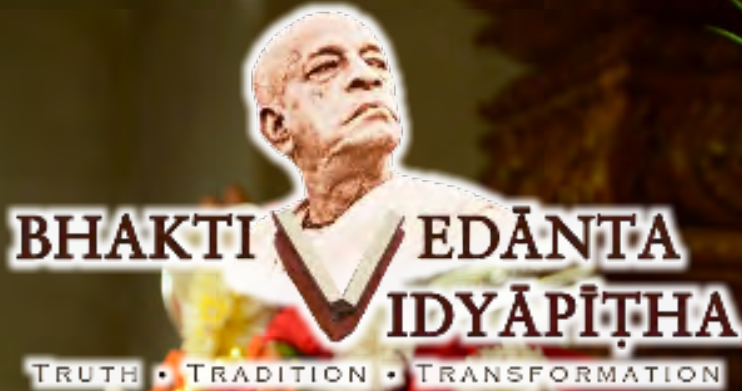
- **27.** Such yogi engages in perfect realization
- **28-29:** Reaches my abode & never comes back
- **30.** Detached heart, thus death can't overcome him.





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## 3.28 Execution of Devotional Service



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# 1-12: Limbs of Astanga Yoga

## 12-16: Understanding the process of yoga and Super-soul

- **1.** I will describe bhakti misra astanga yoga
- **2-4:** Yama & Niyama –
  - Refer BS p.173.
- **5-6:** Asana, Pranayama, pratyahara, Dharana, Dhyana, Samadhi –
  - Refer BS p.173
- **7.** By these processes control mind & fix it on the Lord
- **8.** Requirements for Asana – Seat, sitting postures. etc





# 1-12: Limbs of Astanga Yoga

## 12-16: Understanding the process of yoga and Super-soul

- **9-10:** Mind control through pranayama
- **9.** Inhale –Hold –Exhale –Reverse
- **10.** Very soon mind becomes pure
- **11. Pranayama** – Destroys dosas
- **-Dharana-** destroys sins
- **-Pratyahara** – frees from material association.
- **-Dhyana** –Frees from modes
- **12.** Meditate on Lord by focusing at tip of nose





# 13-18: Description of Lord's form for performing Dharana

## DHARANA

13

prasanna-vadanāmbhojaṁ  
padma-garbhāruṇekṣaṇam  
nīlotpala-dala-śyāmaṁ  
śaṅkha-cakra-gadā-dharam





14

lasat-paṅkaja-kiṅjalka-  
pīta-kaūśeya-vāsasam  
śrīvatsa-vakṣasam bhrājat  
kaustubhāmukta-kandharam

DHARANA





15

matta-dvirepha-kalayā  
parītaṁ vana-mālayā  
parārdhya-hāra-valaya-  
kirīṭāṅga-nūpuram

DHARANA





16

DHARANA

kāñcī-guṇollasac-chroniṁ  
hr̥dayāmbhoja-viṣṭaram  
darśanīyatamaṁ śāntaṁ  
mano-nayana-vardhanam





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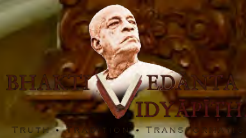
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apīcya-darśanam śaśvat  
sarva-loka-namaskṛtam  
santam vayasi kaiśore  
bhṛtyānugraha-kātaram



DHARANA

18. kīrtanya-tīrtha-yaśasam  
puṇya-śloka-yaśaskaram  
dhyāyed devam samagrāṅgam  
yāvan na cyavate manah





- 19: With heart filled with pure emotions, one should meditate on the pastimes of the Lord in the spiritual world (Dhyana).
- 20: Then fix the mind on each individual limb of the Lord.

**DHARANA**



DHYANA

LOTUS FEET

21. sañcintayed bhagavataś caraṇāravindam  
vajrāṅkuśa-dhvaja-saroruha-lāñchanādhyam  
uttuṅga-rakta-vilasan-nakha-cakravāla  
jyotsnābhirāhata-mahad-dhṛdayāndhakāram





22. yac-chauca-niṣṛta-sarit-pravarodakena  
tīrthena mūrdhny adhikṛtena śivaḥ śivo 'bhūṭ  
dhyātur manah-śamala-śaila-niṣṛṣṭa-vajraṁ  
dhyāyec ciraṁ bhagavataś caraṇāravindam

DHYANA

LOTUS FEET





## LOTUS FEET

One should meditate continually upon the Lord's lotus feet, the water washing which, the Ganga, flows and makes the auspicious Lord Siva, who holds this Ganga on his head, more auspicious. The Lotus feet acts as thunderbolt) which is released amongst mountain of sins in the meditator's mind.

## DHYANA





DHYANA

CALVES



23. jānu-dvayaṁ-jalaja-locanayā jananyā  
lakṣmyākhilasya sura-vanditayā vidhātuḥ  
ūrvor nidhāya kara-pallava-rociṣā yat  
saṁlālitaṁ hr̥di vibhor abhavasya kuryāt



DHYANA

THIGHS & HIPS

24. ūrū suparṇa-bhujayor adhi śobhamānāv  
ojo-nidhī atasikā-kusumāvabhāsau  
vyālambi-pīta-vara-vāsasi vartamāna  
kāñcī-kalāpa-parirambhi nitamba-bimbam





DHYANA

NAVEL & NIPPLES

25. nābhi-hradaṁ bhuvana-  
kośa-guhodara-sthaṁ  
yatrātma-yoni-dhiṣaṇā  
khila-loka-padmaṁ  
vyūḍhaṁ harin-maṇi-  
vr̥ṣa-stanayor amuṣya  
dhyāyed dvayaṁ viśada-  
hāra-mayūkha-gauram



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26. vakṣo 'dhivāsam ṛṣabhasya  
mahā-vibhūteh  
puṁsām mano-nayana-nirvṛtim  
ādadhānam  
kaṇṭham ca kaustubha-maṇer  
adhibhūṣaṇārtham  
kuryān manasy akhila-loka-  
namaskṛtasya

DHYANA

CHEST & NECK



27. bāhūmś ca mandara-gireḥ  
parivartanena  
nirṇikta-bāhu-valayān  
adhiloka-pālān  
sañcintayed daśa-śatāram  
asahya-tejaḥ  
śaṅkhaṁ ca tat-kara-  
saroruha-rāja-hamsam

DHYANA

ARMS



DHYANA

KAUMODAKI,  
MALA, MANI

28. kaumodakīm bhagavato  
dayitām smareta  
digdhām arāti-bhaṭa-  
śoṇita-kardamena  
mālām madhuvrata-  
varūtha-giropaghuṣṭām  
caityasya tattvam amalām  
maṇim asya kaṇṭhe







DHYANA

LOTUS FACE

## COMPASSIONATE DESCENTS!

29

bhṛtyānukampita-dhiyeha grhīta-mūrteḥ  
sañcintayed bhagavato vadanāravindam  
yad visphuran-makara-kunḍala-valgiteṇa  
vidyotitāmala-kapolam udāra-nāsam



30

yac chrī-niketam alibhiḥ  
parisevyamānaṁ  
bhūtyā svayā kuṭila-kuntala-  
vr̥nda-juṣṭam  
mīna-dvayāśrayam  
adhikṣipad abja-netraṁ  
dhyāyen manomayam  
atandrita ullasad-bhru

DHYANA

LOTUS FACE







DHYANA

EYES & GLANCE

31. tasyāvalokam adhikam kṛpayātighora  
tāpa-trayopaśamanāya nīrṣṭam akṣṇoḥ  
snigdha-smitānugūṇitam vipula-prasādam  
dhyāyec ciraṁ vipula-bhāvanayā guhāyām





32. hāsaṁ harer avanat  
ākhila-loka-tīvra  
śokāśru-sāgara-viśoṣaṇam  
atyudāram  
sammohanāya racitaṁ  
nija-māyayāsyā  
bhrū-maṇḍalam muni-kr̥te  
makara-dhvajasya



DHYANA

SMILE &  
EYEBROWS



DHYANA

LAUGHTER

33.  
dhyānāyanam prahasitam  
bahulādharoṣṭha  
bhāsāruṇāyita-tanu-dvija-  
kunda-paṅkti  
dhyāyet svadeha-kuhare  
'vasitasya viṣṇor  
bhaktyārdrayārpita-manā na  
pṛthag didṛkṣet





## 12 34-38: Liberation & state of mind of yogier-soul

- 34. Yogi develops love of god
- 35. Mind detached from material conytamination
- 36. Yogi realizes relationship with Lord
- 37. Achieves his real identity
- 38. Lord takes charge of his body





## 39-42: Understanding of Yogi

**39.** Understands himself different from body

**40-41:** Bhagavan is different from jiva

**42.** Seeing supersoul in all & all in supersoul

**43.** Pure spirit soul manifests in different bodies

**44.** After conquering maya yogi is self realised





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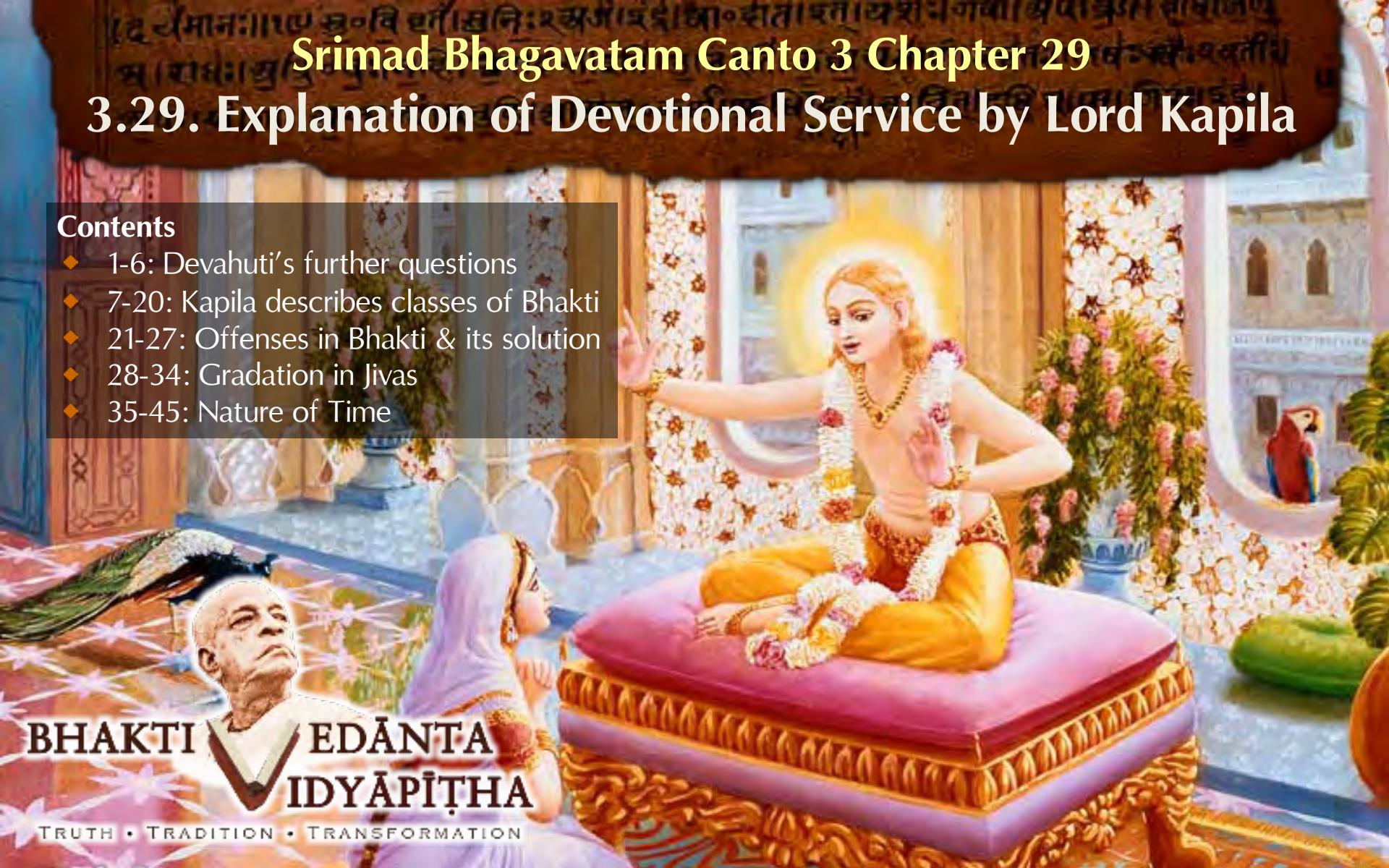
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- Q7. **Samsrti** or Birth and death of the jivas (A7: 3.30-32)
- **5. Devahuti glorifies Kapila** – You are yoga-bhaskara.
  - Gives illumination to those – (i) deluded by false ego (ii) blind (iii) sleeping in samsara & (iv) fatigued due to attachment.
- Pleased with mother's words, Kapila responded with compassion.



# 7-20: Classes of Bhakti

## 8-10: Performers of bhakti in 3 modes

	Mode	Performer
8	Ignorance (tamasic)	Intensions of violence, pride and hatred. No compassion
9	Passion (rajasic)	Desires enjoyment, fame and opulence.
10	Goodness (satvic)	Offering “karmaphala” and desires liberation.





## 11-12: Pure Bhakti beyond modes

mad-guṇa-śruti-mātreṇa  
mayi sarva-guhāśaye  
mano-gatir avicchinṇā  
yathā gaṅgāmbhaso 'mbudhau

lakṣaṇam bhakti-yogasya  
nirguṇasya hy udāhṛtam  
ahaituky avyavahitā  
yā bhaktiḥ puruṣottame





## 7-20: Classes of Bhakti

## 11-14: Characteristics of Pure Bhakti

13. Devotees reject liberation without seva

sālokya-sārṣṭi-sāmīpya-sārūpyaikatvam apy uta  
dīyamānam na grhṇanti vinā mat-sevanam janāḥ

14. By Bhakti one surpasses gunas & attains Bhakti

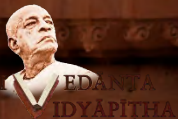
sa eva bhakti-yogākhyā ātyantika udāhṛtaḥ  
yenātivrajya tri-guṇam mad-bhāvāyopapadyate



## 15: Angas of Bhakti

1. Svadharma

2. Devotional acts  
w/o violence





## 16. Angas of Bhakti

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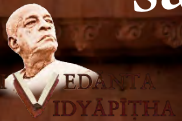
pūjā-stuty-abhivandanaiḥ

bhūteṣu mad-bhāvanayā

sattvenāsaṅgamenā ca

3. Deity Worship

4. Detached &  
Spiritual vision





## 17. Angas of Bhakti: Qualities of Madhyama

mahatām bahu-mānena

5. Respect

dīnānām anukampayā

6. Compassion

maitryā caivātma-tulyeṣu

7. Friendship

yamena niyamena ca

8. Regulation





## 18. Angas of Bhakti

ādhyātmikānuśravaṇān

9. Hearing

nāma-saṅkīrtanāc ca me

10. Chanting

ārjavenārya-saṅgena

11. Simplicity

nirahaṅkriyayā tathā

12. Association

13. No false ego





## 7-20: Classes of Bhakti

# 19-20: Angas of Bhakti leads to Pure Bhakti

**19.** Purified by the angas of Bhakti, mind is attracted simply by sravanam.

**20.** Just as air carries aroma from its source, bhakti carries one's mind to the Lord





## 21-27: Overcoming obstacles in Bhakti

## 21-24: Offenses in Bhakti

**His worship is –**  
**Imitation**  
**Oblations in ashes**  
**No peace**

### 21-22: Disregard

aham sarveṣu bhūteṣu bhūtātmāvasthitaḥ sadā  
tam **avajñāya** mām martyaḥkurute 'rcā-vidāmbanam  
yo mām sarveṣu bhūteṣu santam ātmānam īśvaram  
hitvārcām bhajate maudhyādbhasmany eva juhōti saḥ

### 23: Hatred

**dviṣataḥ** para-kāye mām mānino bhinna-darśinaḥ  
bhūteṣu baddha-vairasya na manaḥ śāntim ṛcchati

### 24: Criticism

aham uccāvacair dravyaiḥ kriyayotpannayānaghe  
naiva tuṣye 'rcito 'rcāyām bhūta-grāmāvamāninaḥ



21-27: Overcoming obstacles in Bhakti

25-27: Solution

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EVERYONE

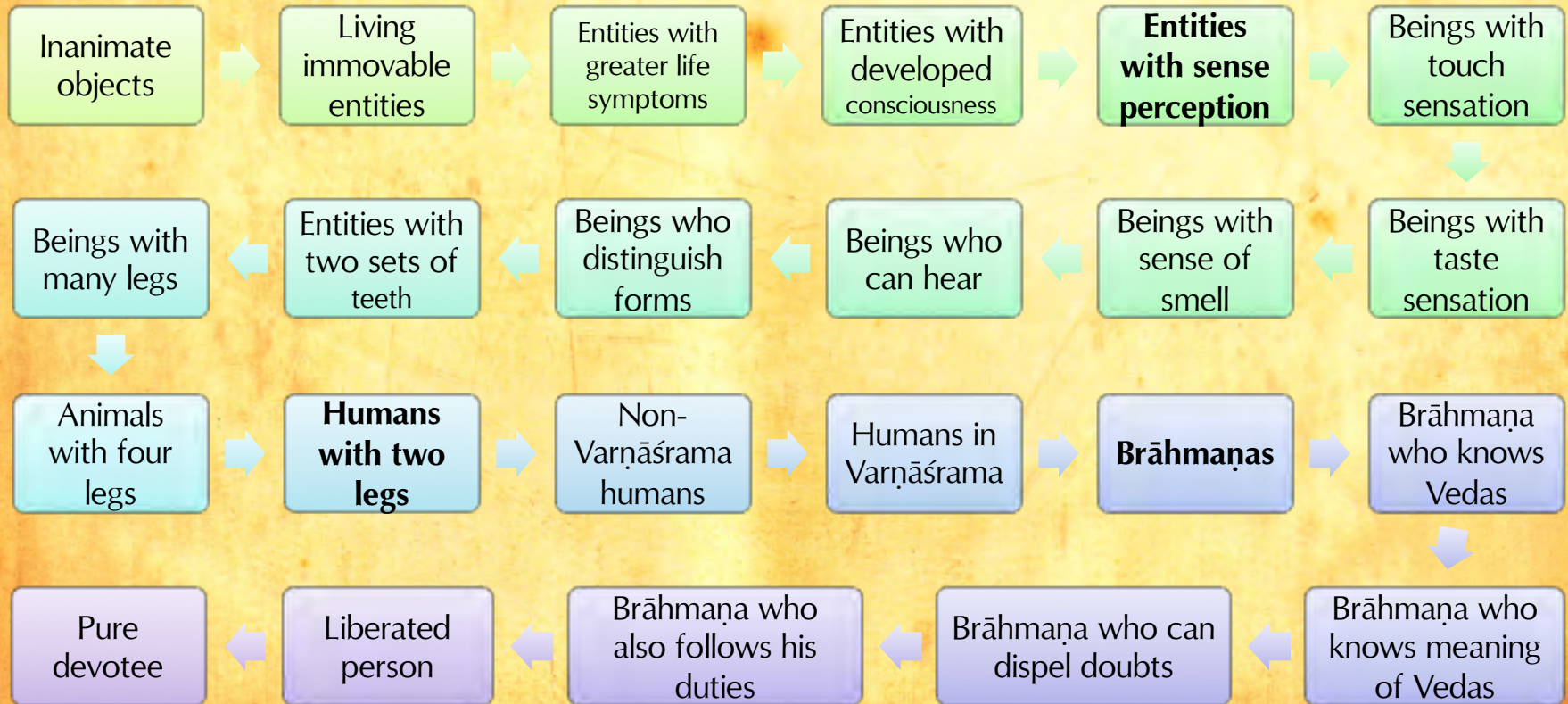
Have equal vision!





# Equal vision ≠ Losing Discrimination

## 28-34: Gradation in Jivas





## 28-34: Gradation in jīvas

33. Best person is surrendered devotee

**manasaitāni bhūtāni  
praṇamed bahu-mānayan  
īśvaro jīva-kalayā  
praviṣṭo bhagavān iti**

- 34. He offers respect thinking Lord is in everyone as Supersoul





## 35-36: Kapila Concludes

- **35-36:** Bhakti and Astanga yogas that give Bhagavan and Brahman are described.





# 37-45: Characteristics of Time

## TIME

- **37.** Causes transformation of material objects
- **38.** Shelter of everyone
  - Enters everyone's hearts
  - Master of all masters
  - Causes every being to be annihilated by another
- **39.** Holds no one dear
  - Inspires devotees and destroys those who forgot the Lord





## 37-45: Characteristics of Time

### 40-44: Due to fear/ Order of Time



- 40. Demigods function
- 41. Trees produce flowers / fruits as per seasons
- 42. Rivers flow,
  - Oceans do not overflow
  - Fire burns
  - Earth doesn't sink
- 43. Sky provides space
  - Universal body expands
- 44. Gunavataras carry out Creation, maintenance, destruction



# 37-45: Characteristics of Time

## TIME IS

- **45. Unchanging**
  - Without beginning, cause everyone's birth
  - Without end, causes everyone's death
  - Dissolves the universe by destroying even the lord of death, Yamaraja

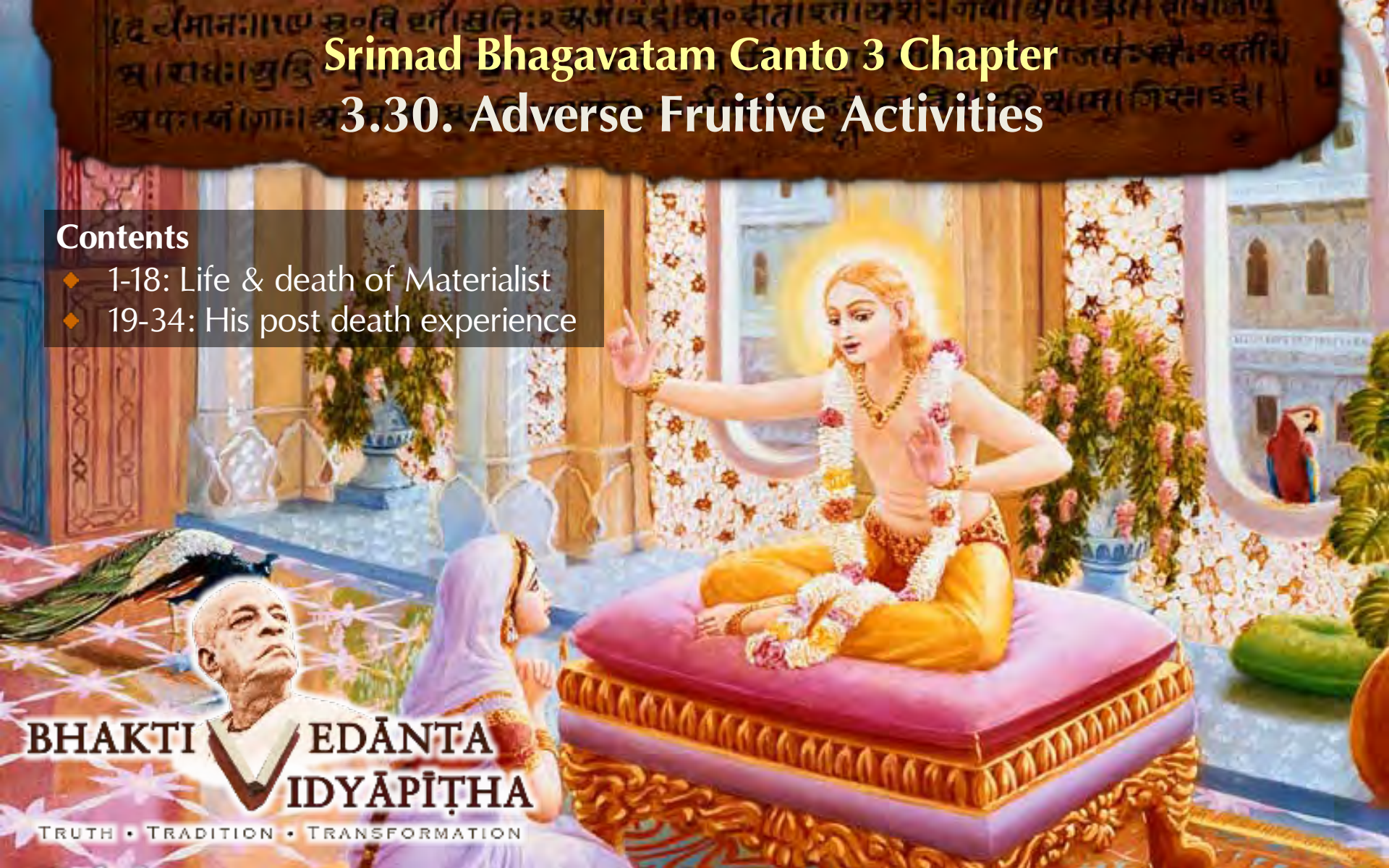


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# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



**1: Foolish men do not know the power of time by which they are carried away like clouds carried by strong wind.**



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



2-3: Accumulations destroyed by time – he laments –  
for accepting temporary things as permanent



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



**4-5:** Satisfaction in whatever species –  
little inclined to give up body even in hell



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



6. Satisfaction due to deep rooted affection for body etc  
**ātmā-jāyā-sutāgāra- paśu-draviṇa-bandhuṣu**  
**nirūḍha-mula hrdaya ātmānam bahu manyate**



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



7-8: Sinful acts to maintain family



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



9. Happiness is counteracting miseries!!!

grheṣu kūṭa-dharmeṣu duḥkha-tantreṣv atandritaḥ  
kurvan duḥkha-pratīkāram sukhan manyate grhi



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



**10-11: Money for family maintenance – corruption!!**



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



**12-13: Reverses – Failures – Grief – Disrespect from Family**



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist



14-16: Old age and disease



# 1-18: Life & Death of a Materialist

17-18: Final  
stages and  
death





# 19-34: Post death experience

## 19. Yamadutas arrive





## 19-34: Post death experience

**20-23:** On the way to hell –  
99000 yojanas  
in 2-3 muhurtas

**24.** He receives  
punishment





## 19-34: Post death experience

**25-28:** Experiences at hell –  
Tamisra, andha tamisra, raurava...

**29.** Heaven/ hell experienced in  
this world

**30-31:** Maintains family by sinful  
means & violence

**32-33:** Suffers in hell called Andha  
Tamisra





## 19-34: Post death experience

34. Miserable hellish conditions – lower forms... - human form

**adhastān nara-lokasya  
yāvatīr yātanādayaḥ  
kramaśaḥ samanukramya  
punar atrāvrajec chuciḥ**





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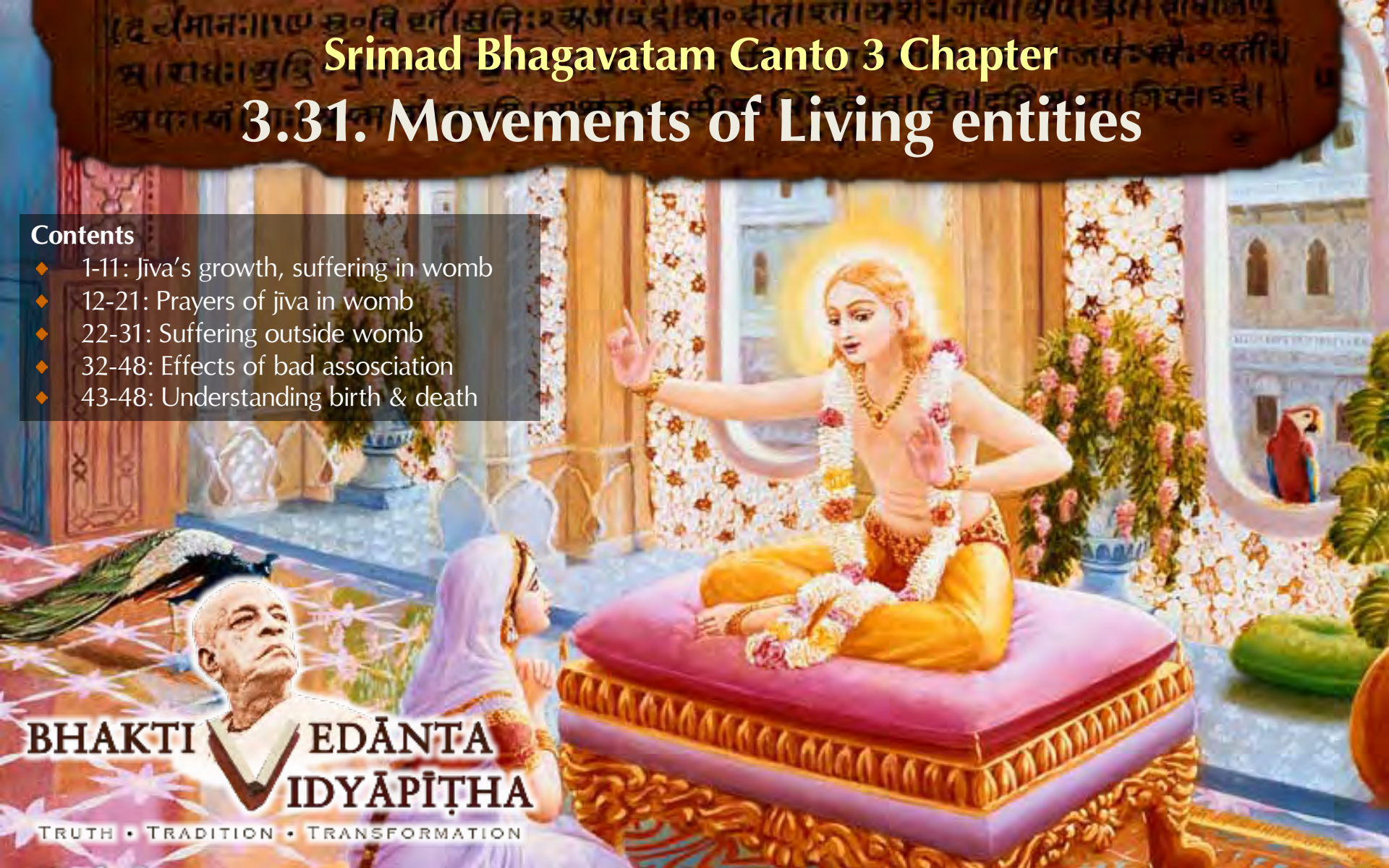
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# 1-11: Jīva's entrance, growth & sufferings in womb

1. Under Lord's supervision Jīva enters womb & receives body

**karmaṇā daiva-netreṇa  
jantur dehopapattaye  
striyāḥ praviṣṭa udaram  
pumso retaḥ-kaṇāśrayaḥ**





# 1-11: Jīva's entrance, growth & sufferings in womb

## 2-4: Development of embryo

Duration	Development of Embryo
1 <sup>st</sup> night	Semen and blood mix.
5 <sup>th</sup> night	Takes the size of a bubble.
After 10 days	Takes the size of a Badari fruit.. ball of flesh.
2 <sup>nd</sup> month	Head, arms, legs and other limbs develop.
3 <sup>rd</sup> month	Nails, hair, bones and skin develop.
4 <sup>th</sup> month	Seven dhatus develop.
5 <sup>th</sup> month	Hunger and thirst develop.
6 <sup>th</sup> month	Covered by a skin.
7 <sup>th</sup> month	Consciousness



# 1-11: Jiva's entrance, growth & sufferings in womb

## 5-11: Sufferings of child in womb

5. Nourished by mother's food – resides in womb – breeding place of worms.
6. Worms bite his tender body – unconscious.
7. Bitter, pungent, hot, salty, dry or sour foods – intolerable pain.
8. Unable to move.
9. If fortunate, he remembers past 100 births, and grieves. No peace of mind
10. Seventh month – suti vata becomes active.
11. Jiva frightened, offers prayers.





## 12-21: Prayers by Jīva in womb

**12.** I take shelter of Your feet.  
Being sinful, I got this situation  
due to maya.

**13.** He is also here but is  
unaffected & changeless.

**14.** I am in material body  
although I am spiritual.  
But He is transcendental.

**15.** How can a conditioned jiva  
again serve Him without His or  
His devotees' mercy?





## 12-21: Prayers by Jīva in womb

**16.** Paramātmā give this knowledge to me?

We should surrender unto Him

**17.** “Oh Lord! When will I get out from this confinement?”

**18.** By Your mercy I am awakened to consciousness.

**19.** I have a human body .. can control senses and understand my destination.





## 12-21: Prayers by Jīva in womb

**20.** I do not desire to get out as outside maya perpetuates samsara.

**21.** I will stay here and destroy my sufferings with my consciousness, by surrender unto You.





## 22-31: Sufferings outside the womb

**22.** Propelled out of the womb by the Suti-Vata.

**23.** Comes out upside down, with blood, hardly breathing and without past memory.

**24.** Cries out loudly ... enters into ignorance.

**25.** People do not understand his desires and put him into more miseries.

**26-27:** Laid down – suffers by the biting of bugs, mosquitoes etc.





## 22-31: Sufferings outside the womb

## 28-29: Sufferings in boyhood

28. Passes infancy and boyhood in anger and sorrow

29-31: False prestige... Anger...  
Enmity... 'I and mine'... Implicated..

30. bhūtaiḥ pañcabhir ārabdhe  
dehe dehy abudho 'sakṛt  
aham mamety asad-grāhaḥ  
karoti kumatir matim





## 32-48: Effects of bad association

**31-32:** Association with sinful, all his good qualities are destroyed

**satyaṁ śaucaṁ dayā maunaṁ buddhiḥ śrīr hrīr yaśaḥ kṣamā  
śamo damo bhagaś ceti yat-saṅgād yāti saṅkṣayam**

**33. What is bad association?** – Foolish, most lamentable people who are play things in the hands of women.



## 32-48: Effects of bad association

## 35-42: Beware of opposite sex

35. Attachment to women & women Hunters - worst

36. Brahmā attracte dto own daughter

37. Only Narayana immune to attraction to māyā

**tat-srṣṭa-srṣṭa-srṣṭeṣu ko nv akhaṇḍita-dhīḥ pumān**

**ṛṣim nārāyaṇam ṛte yoṣin-mayyeha māyayā**

38. Māyā kicks great kings into submission

39. Woman – gateway to hell



## 32-48: Effects of bad association

## 35-42: Beware of opposite sex

- 40. Accepting services from woman – blind well covered with grass
- 41. Woman foolishly looks upon māyā in form of man
- 42. Woman should consider family as arrangement for death



## 32-48: Effects of bad association

# 43-48: Understanding birth, death & beyond

**43.** Jiva's transmigration is due to fruitive acts

**44. Death** – End of the reaction of a jiva's particular activity.

**Birth** – Beginning of a particular type of reaction.

**45-46: Death** – When the body, the medium of perception is rendered incapable of perceiving.

**Birth** – When one begins to view the physical body as one's very self.

**47. Don'ts** – Don't be horrified, because there is no real birth and death

**Do's** – Move in the world free from attachment & steadfast in purpose.

**48.** With proper vision, reason, devotional service, detachment move in this world.



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# 1-4: Attached workers

Dharma



Artha



Kama

Averse to  
bhakti



Worships  
pitr's and  
devas



Attains  
Moon  
planet



Come  
back

4: But even those planets get destroyed during the night of Brahma.





## 5-7: Detached workers





## 8-15: Destination of Hiranyagarbha worshippers

**8-9:** Remain in Satyaloka till end of Brahma's life  
& enter Maha Vishnu @ end of life of Brahma

**10.** Liberation with Brahma

**11.** Take direct shelter of Lord

**12-15:** Even Brahma, Kumaras are not liberated if  
they don't have Bhakti





## 16-21: Kapila criticizes Sakama Karma

- **16.** Perform prescribed duties with attachment
- **17.** Mind absorbed in household affairs, worship forefathers
- **18-19:** Interested only Dharma, Artha, Kama, averse to Hari katha, attached to gramyakatha.
- **20-21:** Attain Pitr loka & after their pious credits are exhausted, they fall back to earth.



## 22-26: By bhakti, goals of other paths are also achieved

22. Worship Lord's Lotus feet with full attention

**tasmāt tvam̐ sarva-bhāvena  
bhajasva paramēṣṭhinam  
tad-guṇāśrayayā bhaktyā  
bhajanīya-padāmbujam**

23. Bhakti gives Knowledge & detachment

**vāsudeve bhagavati  
bhakti-yogaḥ prayojitaḥ  
janayaty āśu vairāgyam̐  
jñānam̐ yad brahma-darśanam̐**





## 22-26: By bhakti, goals of other paths are also achieved



### 24-25: Symptoms of such a devotee

- Equipoised, Transcendental to good and bad, Uncontaminated by matter
- Equal in qualities with Lord

26. Bhagavan appears differently as Brahman, Paramatma, Purusa avatara according to different practitioners

**jñāna-mātram param brahma  
paramātmeśvaraḥ pumān  
dṛśy-ādibhiḥ pṛthag bhāvair  
bhagavān eka iṣyate**



## 27-31: Kapila speaks on Jnana

27. Common requirement for all yogis to achieve their respective goals – DETACHMENT

**etāvān eva yogena samagreṇha yoginaḥ  
yujiyate 'bhimato hy artho yad asaṅgas tu kṛtsnaśaḥ**

28. But some say “Everything is false”

29. But whole universe rests on ME!!

30. Attain this knowledge – by faith and bhakti...

31. Thus Jnana explained



# 32-36: Various paths ultimately lead to Bhagavan realization

32. By bhakti/ jnana , find Lord

33. Lord is one although appears different scripturally

**yathendriyaiḥ prthag-dvārair  
artho bahu-guṇāśrayaḥ  
eko nāneyate tadvad  
bhagavān śāstra-vartmabhiḥ**

34-36: Practice of various angas of yoga, addition of bhakti to all these processes, sakama and niskama, Varnasrama activities, understanding the nature of atma, and by firm detachment.





## 37-43: Qualification to receive this knowledge

**37-38:** I have answered all your questions

**39-40:** Teachings not meant for

- Agnostic, envious, proud
- those who have different views
- those who are materially attached
- those attached to family affairs
- those without bhakti
- those who hate devotees.





## 37-43: Qualification to receive this knowledge

**41-42:** One should give this teaching to-

- Faithful devotees, non-envious
- those who are respectful
- those who are friendly to all jivas
- those who are eager to render service
- those who are detached from external objects
- those with peaceful minds
- those who are unselfish, pure
- those for whom I am the most dear thing.

**43. Phala Sruti:** One who faithfully hears or speaks this topic achieves Lord's lotus feet.



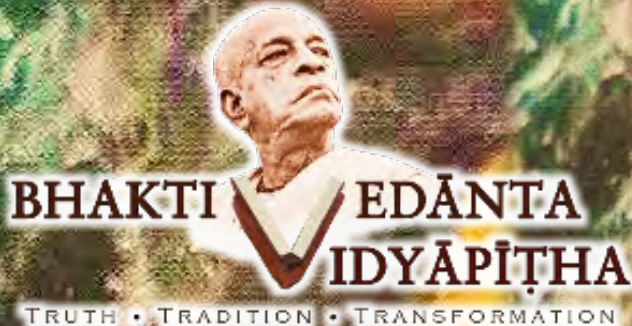


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# 1-8: Devahuti's Prayers

1. Hearing Kapila, Devahuti became free from ignorance, and offered prayers

2-4: How did You appear in my Womb?

2. Even Brahma takes birth from you

athāpy ajo 'ntaḥ-salile śayānam  
bhūtendriyārthātma-mayaṁ vapus te  
guṇa-pravāhaṁ sad-aśeṣa-bījaṁ  
dadhyau svayaṁ yaj-jaṭharābja-jātaḥ





## 1-8: Devahuti's Prayers

3. You are the possessor of unlimited, inconceivable powers, & You are not ordinary child. You are the same Vata PatraSayi.

**sa eva viśvasya bhavān vidhatte  
guṇa-pravāheṇa vibhakta-vīryaḥ  
sargādy aniho 'vitathābhisandhir  
ātmeśvaro 'tarkya-sahasra-śaktiḥ**

4. Even the great Brahma could only meditate on Your glorious spiritual form, and not see You. How did You choose to appear in the womb of a lowly woman as me?

**sa tvaṁ bhr̥to me jaṭhareṇa nātha  
katham nu yasyodara etad āsīt  
viśvaṁ yugānte vaṭa-patra ekah  
śete sma māyā-śīsur aṅghri-pānaḥ**





## 1-8: Devahuti's Prayers

**5. Purpose of Your appearance-** To destroy sin, to make Your followers prosperous & to teach the path of Jnana and Bhakti.

**6.** Even a candala who chants the name, hears it, remembers the Lord or offers obeisances immediately becomes qualified to perform sacrifices.

**yan-nāmadheya-śravaṇānukīrtanād  
yat-prahvaṇād yat-smaraṇād api kvacit  
śvādo 'pi sadyaḥ savanāya kalpate  
kutaḥ punas te bhagavan nu darśanāt**





## 1-8: Devahuti's Prayers

7. But he never purified himself through austerities, scripture study, or by taking holy baths? – Your Holy name bestows all those benefits to that candala.

**aho bata śva-paco 'to garīyān  
yaj-jihvāgre vartate nāma tubhyam  
tepus tapas te juhuvuḥ sasnur āryā  
brahmānūcur nāma grṇanti ye te**

8. I offer my obeisances to You, who are - (a) Brahman, (b) Supreme Person, (c) Object of meditation of the purified mind, (d) Destroyer of the influence of 3 modes, (e) Viṣṇu, & (f) The repository of Vedas.

**taṁ tvām ahaṁ brahma paraṁ pumāṁsam  
pratyak-srotasy ātmani saṁvibhāvyam  
sva-tejasā dhvasta-guṇa-pravāhaṁ  
vande viṣṇuṁ kapilaṁ veda-garbham**



## 9-12: Lord Kapila's final instructions to Devahuti

9. Kapila replied...

10. You will achieve prema by following this easy path of bhakti that I taught.

11. Please have faith in this as following this you will achieve fearlessness, otherwise death.

12. Lord Kapila took permission to depart





# 13-32: Devahuti achieves perfection

**13-14:** Devahuti engages in Bhakti & performs austerities

**15-19:** Opulence of palace of Kardama

**15-17:** Luxurious beds, couches, marble walls decorated with jewels

**18-19:** Beautiful gardens, flowers, trees & constantly singing Gandharvas

**20-21:** In spite of all opulence , Devahuti lamented for her son

**22-23:** Devahuti's Practice

**22-23:** Quickly became unattached began to meditate constantly on Lord



# 13-32: Devahuti achieves perfection

## 24-26: Devahuti's achievement

24-25: Practiced Bhakti yoga with renunciation, knowledge & pure mind

26. Her mind fixed in Bhagavan, freed from material designations, attained bliss

## 27-29: External Disposition

27-28: She forgot her body but didn't become thin as no anxiety

29: Completely absorbed in Vasudeva, body protected by Lord

## 30-32: Attained perfection

30-31: Quickly attained perfection, at Siddhapada

32. Her melted body now a flowing river. Anyone by bathing in it attains perfection



## 33-37: Activities of Lord Kapila

33. Kapila went in the eastern direction to Ganga Sagar

34. He was given a place to stay by ocean personified

35. Taking shelter of bhakti yoga, he still stays there for peace of the three worlds

36-37: **Phala Sruti** – One, who hears or teaches this knowledge, concentrating his mind on the Lord, attains the Lord.

